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## A teen's journey from weight loss to body building

By ALISON ALOISIO

In March of 2012 Telstar junior Ryan Vail woke up one morning and got on the scales.

"I didn't like what I saw," he said. "I told myself I was going to make some changes, and I did."

What he did was go from 50 pounds overweight then, to competing in a body building contest April 12 of this year.

Ryan didn't set out initially to become a body builder. He just wanted to lose weight.

"My first step was I started drinking water only, eating less carbohydrates and upping protein," he said.

And he started going to the school weight room, where he found encouragement from his friend and football teammate, Kurt Morgan.

"He gave me tips and advice," said Ryan. "After that it was all self-research - lots of reading."

Ryan also said he had plenty of support from P.E. teacher Steve Keane, who made the weight room very accessible.

Ryan started out lifting relatively light weights. "I never was that strong. So I started with weights that were manageable, so I could use proper form," he said.

At first, he said, "I hated working out. I was just driven by the fact that I had a goal, and I was going to meet that goal."

In the first month he lost 20 pounds.

In the fall of 2012 Morgan introduced Ryan to body building, which does not focus only on the amount of

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## THS grad earns AP award for TV work

By AMY CHAPMAN

When he graduates from college in two years, James Piccirillo of Greenwood plans on a career in live television broadcasting. The 2012 Telstar High School graduate is already well on his way: his work in television news has just been honored with an Associated Press award.

In addition to making time for classes at Emerson College in Boston, where he is a sophomore studio television production major, Piccirillo is involved in numerous industry-related extra-curricular activities.

He is currently preparing to help broadcast the largest student-produced live awards show in the nation. He just returned from a week in Las Vegas as an intern for Sony USA at the annual National Association of Broadcasters Show.

And he is the technical executive producer of a weekly live news show that was recently honored by the AP's Massachusetts/Rhode Island division as the Best College Broadcast.

As a freshman at Telstar, Piccirillo worked on lighting for school drama productions. His interest and expertise quickly expanded to other aspects of production, and before long he was serving as technical director for the Helen C. Berry Auditorium, handling all of the technical aspects of production for school and community events.

Piccirillo started working for EIV (Emerson Independent Video) during his freshman year as an associate director, worked on a couple of different programs as an associate producer, then stepped into the role of tech-

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## Greenwood hearing: paving, trucks, code

By ALISON ALOISIO

At a public hearing last week on the proposed FY15 Greenwood municipal budget, town officials highlighted a proposed paving project for the Greenwood Road and the purchase of a new plow truck.

The municipal expense budget (not including school and county taxes) is projected at \$1,197,610, up from last year's \$1,041,546. Voters will consider it at the May 17 annual Town Meeting.

The paving would extend from the intersection with the Howe Hill Road to the Rowe Hill Road. Town Manager Kim Sparks said the \$120,000 cost would help put the town over the LDI property tax levy limit, unusual for Greenwood. The state-calculated spending limit is determined by comparing town valuations from year to year. If Greenwood approves the proposed budget, it would exceed the limit by \$94,248.

The proposed plow truck purchase carries a price of \$170,000, with \$80,000 to be raised from taxes and \$90,000 coming from the Highway Equipment Reserve Account. Sparks said the town is typically able to make such purchases entirely from the reserve account, but not enough has been saved for this year.

Town officials also confirmed that \$60,000 to purchase a used 1996 squad truck for the Fire Department will be added to the budget, but no more money would need to be raised from taxes. The cost would come entirely out of the Fire Equipment Reserve Account.

Also at the hearing, Fire Chief Al Curtis outlined other expense increases in his department that total \$22,000, including new equipment and supplies. For example, he said, a because some members of the Fire Department recently

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**TELSTAR QUILT TO BE RAFFLED**-The freshman class at Telstar High School is raffling off a queen-size quilt with the Telstar logo as the center detail. The quilt was hand made and donated by David and Sue Hanscom. The quilt is currently on display outside the library in Telstar Middle/High School. The raffle winner will be drawn on Thursday, May 29. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. They are available from any member of the Class of 2017, at the High School Office and at the Bethel Foodliner on Friday evenings in May from 5 to 7 p.m. or Saturday mornings in May from 10 a.m. to noon. Freshman class officers are picture here with the quilt: Michael Forte, Kristi Hanscom, Elijah Laird and Josh Eliot.

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## Newry officials air grievances

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen next Tuesday will again take up their procedure for calling an executive session, following an angry exchange among the town officials last week.

The board held an executive session April 1, citing a personnel issue.

But Selectman Brooks Morton said at last week's meeting that he was the subject of the session, and he had not been duly notified of that ahead of time.

He cited state law saying that "any person charged or investigated may request in writing that the investigation or hearing of charges or complaints

against that person be conducted in open session. A request, if made to the agency, must be honored."

The session was about an e-mail Morton sent Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney March 20, following a board vote March 18 to award the engineering contract for work on the outer Sunday River Road to JAG-JA Inc. (See last week's Citizen for more. The Citizen later obtained a copy of the e-mail, which made points similar to those described in last week's article.)

The contents of the e-mail were not discussed at last week's meeting, and the fact that an e-mail prompted the executive session

was not mentioned until late in the discussion. Board Chair Wendy Hanscom did acknowledge she had asked for the session.

When Morton raised the subject of the session, Hanscom moved to immediately table it until the April 29 meeting.

"Your rights are violated, most likely," she said. "But there are other parties' rights involved, and two wrongs don't make a right."

She said the town's lawyer should first be consulted "to make sure other parties involved rights are not violated by anything we do tonight."

But Morton objected, say-

ing he would read a statement he had e-mailed the board prior to the meeting. "It's a point of order, because there was an illegal meeting and I want to address and clear the record because it was about me," he said.

He said denying him the chance to address it then would violate his rights a second time. "These are my constitutional rights, and the rights of everybody."

Town Administrator Loretta Powers said the attorney had told her Morton should have been notified ahead of time that he was the topic of the session.

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## Newry assessor says town losing money on some new construction

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry assessing agent Bob Gingras told selectmen last week that the town is losing tax money because improvements to some properties are going undetected.

Gingras said as he drives the town to look at known new construction, he often notices a new deck or shed on a neighbor's property that is not reflected in town records.

"All the values add up - a thousand dollars here, a thousand dollars there," he said. "An assessor needs to value all properties that are new every single year. I get a limited amount of building permits, but there seems to be some building going on without permits."

"I was wondering if there's a way to get a better handle on all of the new construction that's taking place in this town, so the town's not losing money. There seems to be some properties out there, for whatever reason - your new ordinance perhaps - that are

not getting building permits. That's been taking place for the last couple of years. Since the ordinance, all of the condos that used to get building permits for remodeled kitchens, bathrooms, full remodels, that range from 10, 20, 30, \$60,000 - now nobody gets a building permit."

The remodeling portion of the ordinance Gingras referred to requires a permit for projects that exceed a value of \$25,000.

Selectboard Chair Wendy Hanscom said she had opposed setting the monetary limit for renovation permits so high, but peo-

ple voting on the issue at a Town Meeting "didn't seem to care."

But, said Gingras, "As an assessor, we wear a different hat from the board. We are ruled by law as to what we assess and what we have to assess. It should be all the construction that's taking place. It doesn't matter what the town has voted to do."

Hanscom said she wasn't sure how the town could make him aware of new improvements.

Gingras suggested a list. "Contractors talk," he said. "Pretty much everybody in town knows there's

something going on somewhere."

He said he works for some towns that have no permit process at all. In those cases, he said, "the assessors [selectmen] go out and drive their third of the town and they make notes of every single new piece of wood that's out there. That brings it to my attention. We go out and review it. If there's any value increase I place the new value on it. They don't miss anything in those towns. They're responsible for that ... Just a suggestion."

Hanscom thanked him for his input.

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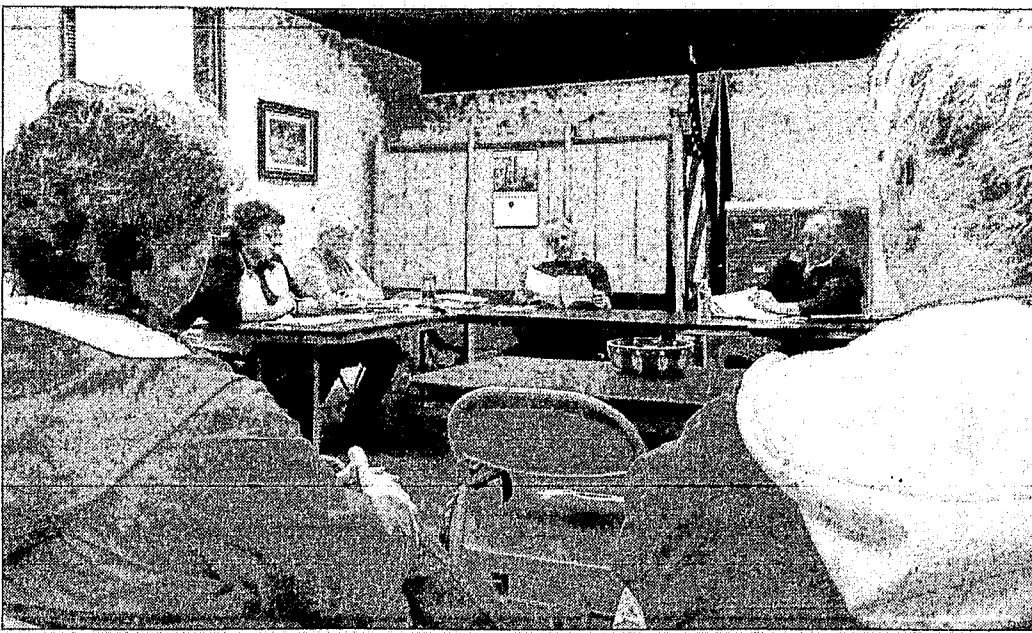






# NEWRY

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**ISSUES OVER EXECUTIVE SESSION**-At last week's Newry selectmen's meeting town officials discussed the legality of an executive session they held on April 1. At the table are, from left: Wendy Hanscom, Loretta Powers, Gary Wight and Brooks Morton. About eight other people attended for various agenda items.

But she went on, "I'm going to run my mouth this time. I've kept my mouth shut this past year and I've been constantly hammered by you and I'm tired of it. You come in after the fact. It's always after the fact. We sit through a meeting, you 'yes, yes' everything. And then all of a sudden, after the fact..."

The intent of the executive session, said Powers, "was to handle it privately and not embarrass anyone."

In asking for the session, said Hanscom, she considered a stipulation in the law that executive sessions may be called when there is potential for someone's reputation to be damaged.

At that point Selectman Gary Wight jumped in and criticized Morton.

"Everyone talks about this transparency [in town government] thing," he said. "Well, it's not. You want to bring things up - and I'll probably get hung for this - what about the letter you sent to the lawyer that probably half these people don't know about? There was a letter sent to him demanding different things, and that wasn't right."

"That was not generated in executive session," replied Morton. "That was done on my own. It wasn't illegal."

(The Citizen later obtained a copy of that e-mail also. See right.)

Said Wight of the e-mail, "It sure does make it look like you're trying to be a

one-man show."

"I'm trying to get things that are done in secret out in the open, where they're supposed to be," replied Morton.

"Bingo. Bingo," said Wight. "That was done in secret."

Morton said he had sent a copy to the board.

Said Hanscom, "As a courtesy I didn't make it public. I thought it was horrid. Why would I give that to people?"

**Know the law**

Returning to the topic of the legality of the executive session, Morton said it is the board's duty to know the law.

Powers admitted she does not remember all state laws.

"We can't remember every little thing," she said. "We admit it when we make a mistake, and we try to keep things cool without them blowing up in front of the whole town, but if that's how you want to play the game, I can," she said.

Morton said the issues were not a game, and asked if he should "cower."

Replied Powers, "Don't be so damn ignorant. Because we try to be up-front. Some things you don't have to say in public to hurt people's feelings and make them feel like an idiot. That's what you did to me a whole year ago, when you had half of the same group in here because you don't like how the town is run. Which is fine. That's your opinion

and that's great and wonderful. But if the people of this town want to change the form of government then they should get a petition and say 'Let's have a vote and let's do it right.' And when you have an issue, bring it to us in black and white and say 'I'd like to see this, I'd like to check this out.'"

Added Hanscom, "It comes out as some kind of 'gotcha' revenge politics, and I don't want to play that."

Shortly afterward a vote was taken to table the issue to the 29th, with Hanscom and Wight voting in favor and Morton opposed.

(Note: Last week's Citizen article that included information about the Sunday River road contract discussion should have also included that after the discussion about the procedure on selecting bids for the project, Morton did not sign an updated version of the contract.)

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## Selectman Brooks Morton's e-mail

Following is an e-mail Selectman Brooks Morton sent to Attorney James Katsiaficas on March 12, while selectmen were discussing how to handle what had been found to be the procedurally incorrect election of two selectmen over the past year:

I am Brooks Morton, Selectman from Newry. I feel compelled to present you with a timeline of the facts in this current Dilemma.

In March of 2012 I was nominated from the floor at Town Meeting and defeated the incumbent by 2 votes.

I was informed by the Town Administrator that I had stolen the election by not announcing my intent before hand.

I did not seek votes or campaign for office. I was drafted by citizens who knew of my accomplishments as chairman of the Planning Board for a number of years.

The Town Administrator alone brought forward the proposal to change the Election procedures.

In August of 2014 at a special Town Meeting the Town Adopted the procedure we have today.

My main concern was with the way the Town Administrator position has evolved into a situation that puts to much authority with possible incompatible and conflicting duties with one person.

April 1, 2013, at a regular Selectman's meeting I informed the selectman that I believed that we were operating outside of the rule of law on several issues.

That we should form a charter commission to give the town a structure that is open and transparent in how the Town functions.

In the summer of 2013 a committee was formed to develop selectman's Bylaws and later charged with developing a code of ethics as well.

The board adopted a Code of Ethics and Selectman's Bylaws.

Sept. 2013 I addressed the selectman at a regular board meeting that we were signing dispersement warrants after the money had already been dispersed, a violation of State Statutes. This issue has been resolved.

An issue arose in 2014 concerning the 2% discount the Town votes to give taxpayers that pay within 30 days. It was discovered that many people do not take the 2% discount. The procedure has not been determined as to what is done with these funds. My reading of the statutes is that this money has to be refunded. This issue is still unresolved.

In Jan 2014 the Town Administrator asked to be re-appointed to her position that expires in June 2014. I voted against it at that time for three reasons [1] all appointments are done after the March Town Meeting. [2] The Town needs to develop a review process [3] The Town needed to develop a contract.

The day after Town Meeting I informed the Town Administrator I believed that we had been in error in the method that the Election had been conducted.

As you may assume I am

not a popular member within our elected and appointed staff for confronting these inconsistencies.

My intent in this correspondence is not to put blame on anyone as I am as guilty as the rest for not catching this before Town Meeting.

I grew up with all present parties involved and have no personal vendettas against anyone.

I was humbled by the faith the voters placed in my ability to seek the truth, make processes fair and transparent and according to State Statutes. This is my only agenda.

We are all in a system that was set up by a previous administration for reasons I do not dare speculate.

As I see it I am the only legitimate Elected Official, and the reappointment of the Town Administrator was invalid.

Moving forward I would request that you send me copies of all past correspondence pertaining to this matter and any future correspondence. My intent is to move forward with a positive outcome for the Town and to preserve the integrity of the present Administration.

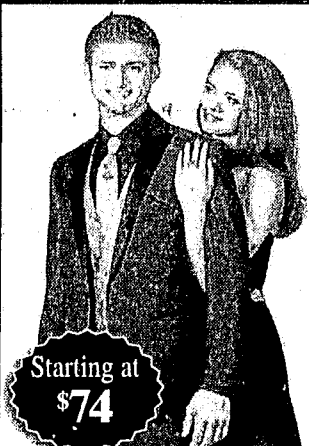
(Note: Town Administrator Loretta Powers was asked for a response to Morton's comments about her regarding his election and the proposed change to election procedures. She replied, "Those were not my words, for number one, and as for the election procedures, yes, I brought it to the selectmen, but that is my job to bring town folks' concerns to the board.")

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## HEARING

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underwent training to become First Responders for medical emergencies, they will be required to initially purchase some medical supplies to have on hand. Those would be replaced by the town's ambulance service, PACE, he said, after each use.

In addition, more wages are needed to cover manning the Fire Station. Curtis had been doing such coverage himself, but other duties are taking more of his time and another person will need to be assigned.

In other departments, Sparks said the Transfer Station budget would go down by about \$5,000.

She said there has not been as much trash lately. "When the economy takes a

tank, people spend less and generate less garbage," she said.

Voters will also consider some changes in town ordinances. Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman said the changes mostly combine existing ordinances on land use, setbacks and electrical cutoffs into one.

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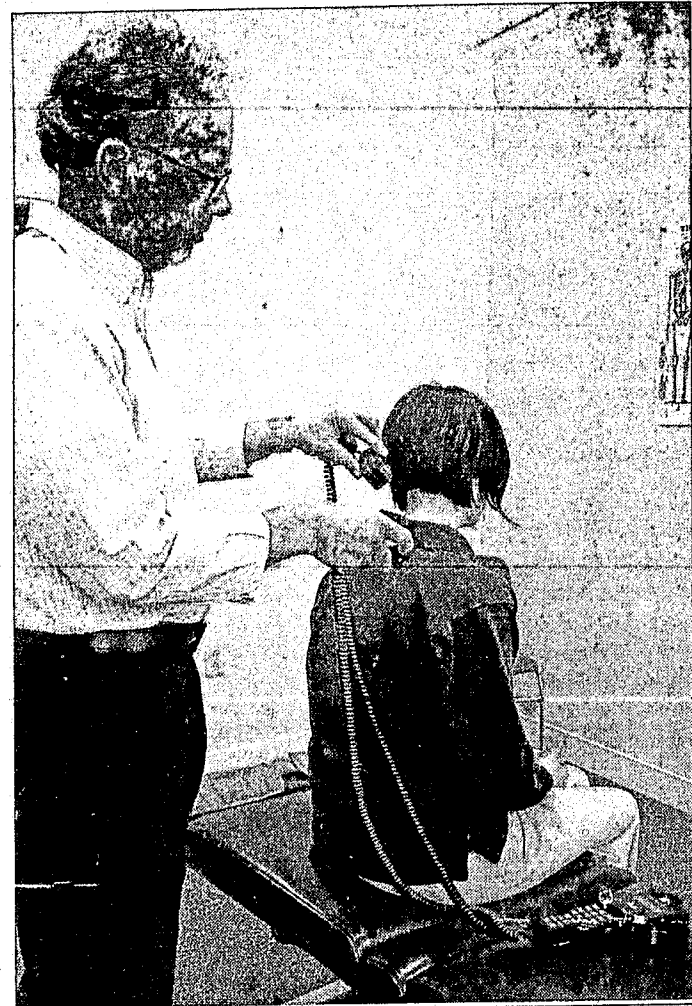
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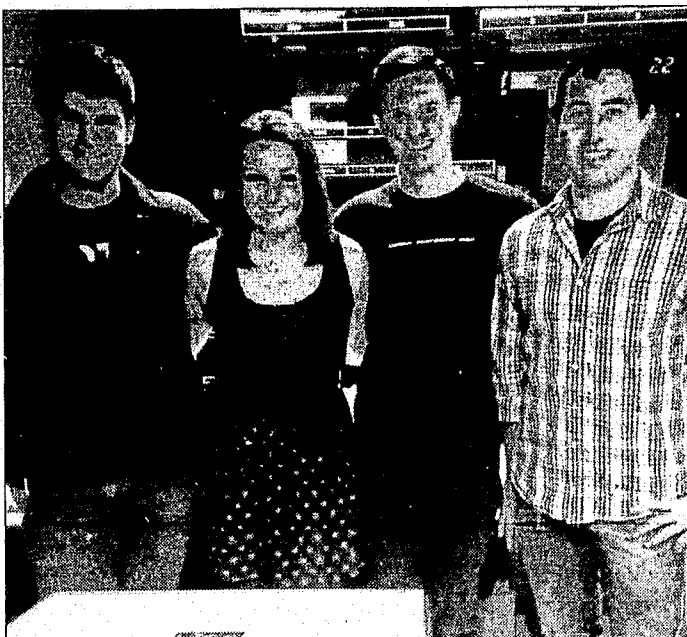
Dr. Michael Liberti uses LLLT on a patient's neck and shoulder. A. Aloisio

Dr. Michael Liberti of Bethel Station Chiropractic office is no stranger to low back pain. As a chiropractor he's been treating low back pain patients for over 30 years. But bending over those patients all day long has caused him to experience more than his share of personal low back pain. "Like many people, even when we try to use proper bending and ergonomic techniques, we can't always avoid hurting our back," Liberti said. For example, he said, in 2009 he drove to Boston to attend a conference and then sat in a less than ideal chair. All the sitting had really stirred up his low back problems. One of the topics at the conference was the use of Low Level Laser Therapy for lower back pain. As a chiropractor he used many different therapies in conjunction with his

chiropractic adjustments, so when the conference presenter asked if anyone in the audience had active lower back pain he was the first to volunteer. He was given a chiropractic adjustment followed by three minutes of therapy with an Erchonia PL5 Low Level Laser. "The amount of pain relief I received was so significant that I knew then that this was an additional treatment I wanted to be able to offer my patients," he said. After about six months of follow up research on LLLT, he took the plunge and purchased the Erchonia laser, which has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Since then he has used the laser alone or in combination with traditional chiropractic procedures to treat a wide variety of conditions, including

back and neck pain including arm and sciatic pain caused by disc degeneration and herniated discs. It's also used to treat other conditions including carpal tunnel, tennis elbow, rotator cuff injuries, hip and knee pain and plantar fasciitis. Low Level Laser is also used by professional sports teams, as well as some burn centers and wound clinics to heal tissue and reduce pain by as much as 60 percent faster than normal healing, according to some published studies. LLLT heals by means of a photochemical reaction that allows mitochondria, the power houses of cells, to produce more energy, which can help heal damaged and irritated tissues, Liberti said. The therapy does not produce any heat, and in studies done on LLLT there are no reported negative side effects like those found in some over the counter and prescription pain medications, he said. Liberti estimates that his office is using the Erchonia Laser on about 30 percent of his patients and the number is growing. Since LLLT is considered experimental and is not covered by most insurances, Bethel Station Chiropractic Office charges about \$30 per treatment. Liberti said LLLT "is effective and doesn't have the dangers and side effects associated with surgery and drug treatments. It's really becoming a front line treatment for many joint problems, and fits in nicely with our natural approach to healing in our office. There is no treatment that works every time for every patient, but it makes a lot of sense to start with the safest treatments first. If these conservative measures are not successful the more radical treatments like drugs and surgery are still available."

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James Piccirillo, left, Technical Executive Producer of EIV News at 9, with Editorial Executive Producer Erin Farley, Director Rob Barton, and Associate Director Nathan Carolan.

nical executive producer for the station's News at 9. He is one of two executive producers for the program. He and the editorial executive producer, journalism major Erin Farley, are responsible for all of the show's content and all aspects of production. "My job is making sure we have the appropriate interviews, and making sure that any video we want to have shown over our anchors or over our stories is available to us," Piccirillo said. To prepare for the 30-minute broadcast, the executive producers each spend about 18-20 hours a week working on the show, assisted by a crew of about 30 other students. All of the jobs at EIV are held by Emerson College students, and are unpaid positions that students take on to gain experience in television journalism and studio production. The Massachusetts/Rhode Island AP accepts contest submissions each year from all of the colleges in those states that have student-run live news programs. Only shows that are broadcast live are eligible. The competition is made more intense by the fact that news crews from different schools often cover the same stories and events. "And in a lot of ways, Emerson is in competition with itself. Emerson has three separate news programs that are considered nightly news programming," Piccirillo said.

"I was on a story a couple of weeks ago, running down the lead, and I looked over, and there was the guy from Boston University, trying to get the same lead as I was," he said. "You're covering the same material as some of the other colleges, especially during weekday shows. So how did Piccirillo and his crew ensure that their broadcast would stand out? "We pride ourselves on getting very fresh content," he said. "A lot of news programming, especially at the collegiate level, will be stuck in content that is 24 hours old. Erin and I were very concerned with making sure that we always had up to date stories, so even if something broke 15 minutes before the start of the show, we would make sure that the story got on the air." Besides stories that are relevant, factual, and fresh, Piccirillo said the technical quality of the programming also sets EIV News at 9 apart. "Our goal, every episode, was, if we had a story—and we averaged 30 to 40 stories per program—every single one of those had some sort of video over the top of it," he said. "I would send shooters into the field to go on location, or we would get video from other, outside sources." "When you watch the news you don't really want to just watch two guys talking about a story. You want to see what they're talking about. If they're talking

about a house fire, you want to see the house fire." The episode chosen for the award was broadcast on November 19, 2013, and included up-to-the-minute local and regional news stories, sports, and weather. In addition to his duties at EIV News at 9, Piccirillo is also the manager of the broadcast technical division for this year's EVVY Awards, to be held May 9 at the Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson. Modeled after awards shows like the Emmys and the Oscars, the EVVYs have gained national recognition, receiving a first place award from the National Association of College Broadcasters and two national Telly Awards. It will be Piccirillo's job to make sure all the production equipment is up and running before the show, and to troubleshoot any problems that arise during the broadcast. He acknowledged that live broadcasting, especially when it takes place outside of a newsroom, is stressful—"very, very, very stressful. You go wherever something happens. You're setting up in a facility that's not necessarily designed to be a broadcast facility, so who knows what can happen?" Despite the stress, it's an atmosphere he thrives in. He plans to stay in Boston this summer to work in the industry, and he is set on the field of live broadcasting after college. "After I graduate, I'll go straight into the work force," Piccirillo said. "There are graduate programs available, but I'm looking to work, not to become a professor." "Television is one of those industries where it's the quality of your work that gets you noticed," rather than the number of degrees you obtain, he said. "The industry is all about the quality of what you're producing."

Asked where he sees himself living in a few years, Piccirillo said, "Realistically, Boston, New York, or Los Angeles. That's probably where I'll be based, because that's where the major media hubs are. Geographically, it depends on what I get for a job. Wherever there's work available when I graduate is where I'll end up going."

## Briefly

### Dinner will benefit Fuentes family

BETHEL—On Saturday, April 26, a dinner in memory of and to benefit the family of Xavier Fuentes will take place at the Bethel Alliance Church from 4 to 7 p.m. Fuentes, 16, died last month in a hit-and-run accident in South Paris. The fundraiser will be a spaghetti dinner with bread and dessert, and the price of admission is \$5 per person, age 4 or under eat free. "I didn't know Xavier as a friend," said Telstar sophomore Kaylee Haas, one of the organizers. "I knew him by always seeing him sitting outside the office. He would always be smiling and greeting people. I never saw him sitting there upset. When I heard about this I knew that I wanted to help this family during this difficult time. All the proceeds that are made will be given to the family to help them with costs." Teacher Jim Rose is also helping with the effort. "There are a core of girls at Telstar who are spearheading this effort, and I'm honored that they asked me to be the faculty representative," said Rose. "It's especially meaningful as Xavier was a member of my Algebra 2 class and I had the opportunity to get to know him."

### SAD 44 board OK's withdrawal agreement

ANDOVER—At last week's board meeting, SAD 44 directors approved an agreement from the Andover Withdrawal Committee detailing the financial responsibilities of the town and the district in the event that Andover residents vote to withdraw from the district. Supt. David Murphy said the agreement is substantially the same as the one approved by the board last fall, but with an effective date of July 1, 2015. It will now be sent to the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Education, who will schedule a public hearing prior to a vote in Andover. The most recent vote on withdrawal, in January, fell just short of the required two-thirds majority for passage, but received more than the 60 percent needed under Maine law to allow supporters of withdrawal to restart the process immediately.

### Hearing tonight on Route 2 bridge

BETHEL — The Maine Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at the Bethel Town Office to discuss plans to repair the Androscoggin Bridge on Route 2. Project manager Joel Kittredge said the deck is in "very poor condition" and will be replaced. "We'll also be looking at the steel to see if it needs to be completely replaced, or if we just need to apply a layer of paint over it," he said. "The project will be one of rehabilitation." Kittredge said the hearing will give the people a chance to discuss their concerns about the project. "They may have questions about what sorts of detours will exist while we work on the project, or other ways traffic will be affected," he said. "They may ask about how long a project like this will take. We'll be speaking about things in general terms at the meeting. We're just there to answer any questions that people may have." - Matthew Daigle/Sun Media Wire

## NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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## The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard

(From 'The Way I See It' archives)

I read a letter to Dear Abby from a 13-year old girl who was seeking advice on dealing with her broken heart because her "first kiss" broke up with her. To add to her pain the "first kiss" had a new girlfriend the very next day. The heart broken young lady wanted to get back with the ex-boyfriend in spite of how badly he had hurt her. Abby's advice was to move on, there would be other boys in her future and no doubt pretty soon. That's definitely good advice, but I'm sure that it's not advice that the 13-year old will readily accept. That letter brought back memories of when my "first kiss" dumped me. Even though it was well over 45 years ago I remember it quite clearly. In fact, I remember the break-up a lot more clearly than I remember the "first kiss."

The romance was relatively short lived as most adolescent romances are, but I was so in love for that short period of time I didn't for a second imagine that it could end. I just knew that I had found my soul mate. This was the man/boy I would surely marry some day and have his children. We would live in a white house with a picket fence. We would live happily ever after. Then I got a letter from a girl claiming to be my future husband's girlfriend. She informed me that I was a very brief fling and meant nothing to him. I

should stay away from him because he didn't even like me let alone want to be my boyfriend. My first thought was that this couldn't be true. The girl just had to be some scum-faced, bad breath, bad hair, fire breathing jealous ex-girlfriend. And her mother probably wore combat boots. I called my intended to confirm that we were in love. Unfortunately he confirmed that the letter

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writer was indeed his girlfriend and he had no intentions to have anything to do with me.

That was my first lesson in what heartbreak feels like. I was devastated, humiliated and very angry. My entire future had crumbled with the morning mail.

When I read the letter to Dear Abby from the 13-year old girl it brought that old heartbreak right back to me even after all these years. My heart went out to the poor little thing.

I got over my "first Kiss" when I met his cousin a couple of weeks later and had my "second kiss," but I can still remember the heartbreak.

Now I see these teen angst dramas being

played out with my adolescent grandsons and their friends. For the most part it doesn't seem to have changed that much from my younger days. The budding romances seem to be good for a couple of weeks at best then the he said/she said games come into play and it's all over.

One thing that has changed is that the dramas are now played out on Facebook. They confess their undying love on Facebook and they break-up on Facebook. They share their joy, pain and heartache on Facebook.

When I had my first kiss from my "first kiss" I wanted to tell the world. I'm sure I drove my friends crazy because it was all I wanted to talk about. If Facebook had existed back then I have no doubt I would have posted every detail about that first kiss and how much in love I was.

However, when the break-up came I would not have posted a word about that. I didn't want to share my pain with anyone, I wanted to wallow in it all by myself. How could anyone else understand? I was sure that I was the only person in the whole world to suffer such heartbreak.

Well, puppy love and teen angst is all a part of growing up and long into adulthood the kids will always remember their first kiss and the way I see it they will never forget their first heartbreak. I know I never did.

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# Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



The season's last good snowshoeing day in Bethel was April 13. I was able to find good snow on all the trails that run through the woods behind Telstar High School. By Easter Sunday the snow had become patchy and the trails were deep in mud. It was a different story, though, a few miles north of Bethel in the mountains of Grafton Notch. My mother, Musa Brown, and sister, Rebecca Crommett, and I organized a nontraditional Easter luncheon. Our plan was to have a picnic at Screw Auger Falls in Newry. When we arrived, the parking lot was filled with snow. A few cars had managed to drive through the snow into the park. A few miles north of the falls at the trailhead for the Appalachian Trail, the parking lot was plowed, but the picnic tables were in three feet of snow.

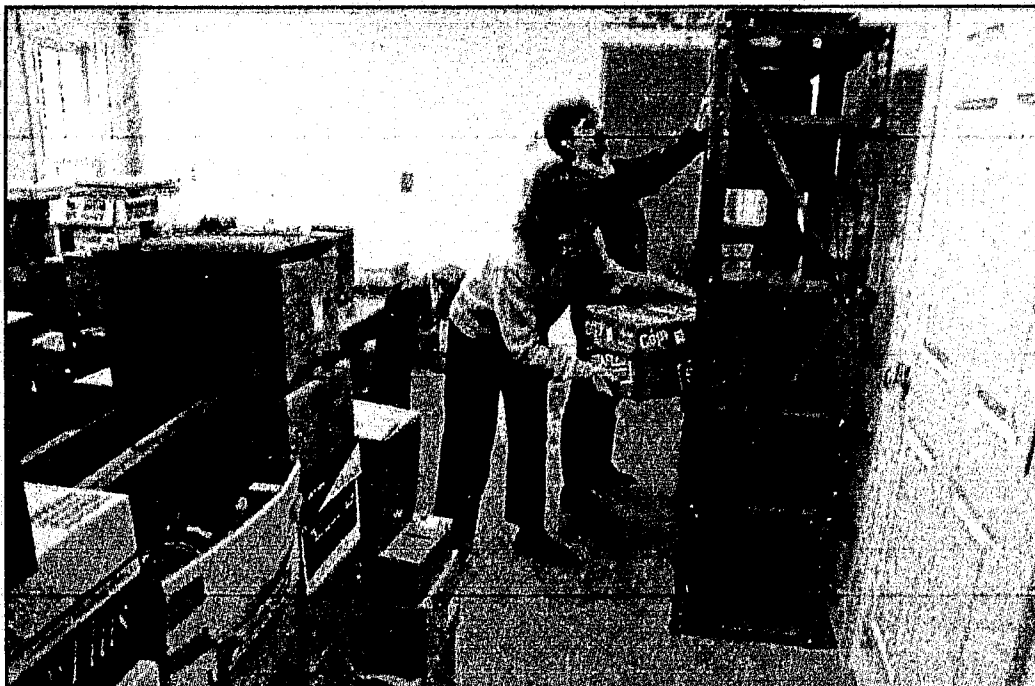
Since we had neither boots nor snowshoes, we backtracked to Bethel and picnicked at the Route 2 roadside picnic area overlooking the Androscoggin River. Although the sign still says, "Picnic Area

Closed" the parking lot is clear of snow and mud and there are plenty of tables available. It's a good spot for a picnic, with a great view of the river. A note of caution if you bring small children or pets: there is no fence along the river.

I'm watching for the first spring wildflowers, which seem hesitant to appear, except for the pussy willows and skunk cabbages. However, dozens of daffodils are blossoming on the bank in front of the Paws Inn on Route 26. Last week also brought the first butterflies of the spring.

Don't forget that this Saturday, April 26, is National Turn-In Day. This is a day dedicated to turning in unused and outdated prescription medications. Collecting these drugs keeps them off the streets, and also prevents them from being thrown into the trash, where they can find their way into landfills and the ground water where they can potentially poison wildlife and people. In the past Maine has topped the national list for the number of pills collected per capita. The Sheriff's Department is a local drop-off point for unused and expired prescriptions.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at



**GETTING TO WORK IN BHS ADDITION**-The Bethel Historical Society recently got approval to occupy the new Mary Valentine Wing of the Robinson House. The wing will provide climate-controlled storage rooms, a research library and display space. It will be dedicated June 8. Here, BHS Administrative Assistant Danna Nickerson and Treasurer Jackie Bell work on setting up shelves and moving boxes in one of the storage rooms.

brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

## East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT



Hello neighbors, I trust you're well this week after a most beautiful Easter. What a perfect spring day we had to celebrate the holiday. I pray you didn't put your children or grandchildren into sugar comas with a basket full of sweet treats, and instead, filled their day with love and appreciation for the true meaning of Easter.

I had the pleasure of spending part of the weekend with my friend Debra Irwin in Freeport. We stayed at the Harraseeket Inn and attended the Stars on Ice performance in Portland. What a show and an amazing opportunity to see our Olympic medalists on the ice in person.

The effort they commit to in order to skate like they do is so impressive. Spinning around on that ice, dancing with such grace, not to mention the ability of the men to carry their partners and swing them around. There has to be a great sense of trust between the two in order for all to go as planned and for neither of them to get hurt.

Even as much as they prepare, as much as they trust one another, one choice to move their leg or arm too far or too soon,

could result in mishap.

We trust so many people on a daily basis. We trust that the person driving toward us is aware and knowledgeable enough to stay on their own side of the road. We trust that the lab tech at the hospital knows their job and exactly how to draw our blood.

There are so many situations of trust and faith we encounter throughout the day. I'm comforted to know that I hold great faith in the great I Am, because I would be a nervous wreck without Him. I'm praying for the families of the ferry in South Korea who trusted that the captain of the ship would deliver their vacationing students safely across the water. How devastating; hundreds of people mourning because of one poor decision.

I find comfort in knowing that those lives lost at sea are in glory today. They are in the presence of an almighty savior who promises us everlasting life.

Over this next week, I pray that you will find a way to trust in His word. Allow your eyes to see how He has blessed your life and your heart to feel the love He offers you. And, if you feel so inclined, please e-mail me or give me a shout, I would love for you to share your story with me.

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of God sharing our experience of the greatness of His promises.

Feel free to e-mail me at [brindlelabs@gmail.com](mailto:brindlelabs@gmail.com) or call me, 357-3469. Blessings to you today to find trust in what He offers each of us.

## Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW met on Monday, April 14 at the Grange Hall for a regular meeting with seven members present. Acting as Guard - Marybeth Hoover and as Guide - Elsie Bonney. The charter was draped in memory of two Real Sisters, two Real Brothers and a past Natl. Officer. Dept. President Elsie Bonney reported on the honor roll project. She has over 300 names so far and the granite is paid for. The engraving of names will soon be started. Memorial Day plans were discussed. Flags and markers have been ordered. Two new applications have come in. Dept. President Elsie Bonney and Secretary Alice Hoyt are on the investigation committee.

Dept. Convention Delegate is Lenea Noyes, alternate - Bessie House. Voted to send same amount to Dept. and Natl. expenses. Pres. Vicky Myers read some interesting facts that happened on April 14, 1861, and 1865 was when Abe Lincoln, then President, was assassinated. Vicky Myers received the mystery package. Next meeting is May 12.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. Also at this time, a girls' group for ages 13 to 18 called "Bloom" meets. Come "get planted," digging deep and learning what a Christian should grow. Also, a young men's group "Foundations," for boys 15 and up, focused on mentoring young men in biblical manhood through carpentry and building skills.

Sunday, April 27, Pastor Cal and Melba Fuller will be here preaching a fellowship dinner and afternoon service. No evening service.

On Saturday, May 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. there will be a retirement party at the fire station for Donald Hoyt. Come wish him well on his retirement.

Thursday, May 1, the Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Union Church in Locke's Mills. Meeting starts at 11:30. Dinner by the Ladies Circle. Program by SeniorsPlus, Valerie Cole is speaker. New members always welcome.

The ladies' exercise class now meets at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays at the library.

The next library program speaker will be Hugh "Cubby" Swan, showing old and new wooden toys he has made. This is at Whitman Memorial Library, May 8 at 2 p.m. Public welcome. No charge. Light refreshments.

Are you spring cleaning? The Woodstock Historical Society is planning a yard sale on May 17. Please save

## OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, April 14

At 6:46 p.m. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo checked the area of Paradise Road in Bethel for a needle and a spoon that was reported on the side of the road. It was not located.

Tuesday, April 15

Between 7 and 8 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney did a traffic detail in front of Telstar High School. Traffic was slow but one vehicle was stopped for an expired registration sticker.

At 12:37 p.m. a deputy took a complaint of criminal mischief on Mason Street in Bethel. The incident was investigated and determined to be a civil matter. A police report was made and the state Fire Marshall's office was made aware of the incident.

Wednesday, April 16

At 10:49 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the Gore Road in Bethel for a property damage accident.

Thursday, April 17

At 6:59 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney conducted a traffic detail in the school zone on Route 26 in front of Telstar High School. Two motorists were stopped and issued a traffic summons.

At 12:04 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a complaint of harassment in Bethel.

Friday, April 18

At 5:43 p.m. a subject on Walkers Mills Road in Bethel reported a road rage incident. Sgt. Matt Baker was assigned.

Saturday, April 19

At 4:45 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer, after observing suspicious activity at a business in Bethel, conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle about to leave the lot. The operator was found to be suspended and charged with operating after suspension.

Monday, April 21

At 1:18 a.m. Deputy Peter Casey responded to Main Street in Bethel for a car/pole accident.

At 1:11 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a report of a loaded log truck potentially operating on a posted road. The deputy responded to the area and spoke the owner of the truck who advised they were not going to move it until the temperatures dropped to appropriate levels.

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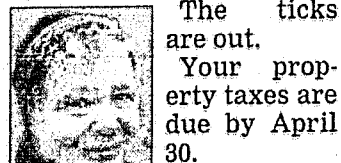
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### Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The ticks are out. Your property taxes are due by April 30.

The gardens need to be raked. The tree branches that fell between November and April need to be picked up.

And all the warm weather projects are just waiting to be undertaken.

Now, aren't you glad spring has finally arrived?

The Dunham Farm did their last draw of sap April 18. They are still bottling syrup. This year's run was mostly dark amber. You can call Brian and Suzanne Dunham if you have not yet picked up this year's supply of maple syrup.

In case you didn't know (I didn't), Dunham Farm is also doing custom sawmill work - logs up to 30 inches diameter and 20 feet long.

While we are on the Dunhams, recently they both were part of a dog rescue. Rick Young, Lake Christopher, heard a dog barking in panic somewhere on Mt. Christopher. He, Brian, and Suzanne started up the mountain and eventually located the dog on an upper ledge. Bob Barribeau of Mahosuc Mountain Rescue Team as well as the game warden were called to assist. Barribeau eventually rappelled down from the top ledge to rescue the dog on a lower ledge. The dog was brought to the summit with ropes and harnesses. This was before the snow melted, and it was a lot of work for all the rescuers. Thanks to all of you. The owners of the dog, a black lab, were identified and it was returned to them.

When I find a great deal, I usually try to let others know. I was at Pooh Corner greenhouses last week, and they have Birkenstock garden clogs for 75 percent off. Right, that is only a quarter of the original price. Need-



The Mollycokett Chorus is competing in the 39th Annual Region 1 Chorus Competition on April 26 in Springfield, Mass. The chorus will perform the ballad Stars Fell on Alabama, and the up-tune medley Goody Goody/Who's Sorry Now, at historic Symphony Hall. Here the chorus sings the Sweet Adeline's celebration song, 'How We Sang Today' at Friends and Family Night, with many former members joining the chorus on the risers. The chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, singing four-part a cappella barbershop style music. Its repertoire includes old favorites from the early 1900's to popular renditions of oldies but goodies, show tunes and patriotic standards. The chorus rehearses Tuesday evenings, 6:30-9 p.m. at the Church of the Latter Day Saints on Skeetfield Road in Oxford. Guests are welcome to attend rehearsals and interested women should contact Marilyn Newell at 345-3100. Submitted photo

less to say, my friend and I both went home with a pair. Sizes and colors are limited. What a deal/steal.

The ice on the ponds is getting rather black. With this week's temperatures predicted in the 50s and 60s, we may be seeing open ponds in the next week or so.

Have you noticed how many new sounds there are in our world lately? The streams are open, and we hear the sound of running water once again. Returning birds are singing in the morning. It has been a good six months since anything other than chickadees, blue jays, ravens, and crows has uttered a sound. All the birds are staking out their territories and calling for a mate. On the warm and sunny days the young male homo sapiens do similar as they cruise down the roads in their vehicles with the music systems cranked up full blast. Hoping to attract a female like all species. Ah, the sounds of spring.

Please send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com.

### Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The little bit of snow that we got the other day helped to get rid of what was already on the ground. The front yard is now without snow, but looks like there is a lot of raking to be done.

My brother, Steve McLain, sent a picture of the little chipmunk that has been running around at his house. He went out the other day and found the chipmunk inside the squirrel proof bird feeder that is attached to a pole by the driveway. The picture shows the chipmunk peeking out from under the roof of the feeder.

Both the Purple Finches and Goldfinches are turning their beautiful summer colors. They get brighter colored from one day to the next. Our little chipmunk is back on the porch railing and she is sharing her sunflower seeds with the chickadees. She is not very pleased when the chipmunk who has a home out nearer to the street comes near her pile of seeds.

Hugh and I went to Tim and Michele's for Easter dinner. Besides the grandchildren, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney, Michele's parents, Leo and Ann Croteau were there. Dinner was delicious as al-

ways. Dessert was a birthday cake for Hugh since his birthday was April 22.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

### Andover

By JANE C. RICH



The Easter Egg Hunt at Mills' Market was a success in that 35 children participated.

Due to the generosity of local organizations and individuals every child received an Easter basket. This event started in the 1950s when Roger Mills Sr. thought it was too bad that our children had to go out of town to participate in an egg hunt. The egg hunt started out on the front porch of the home of Roger Sr. and Louise Mills and has been carried on by the family for over 50 years.

The Olde Home Day Committee met last Monday evening and came up with a theme in the shortest time I can remember. The theme for 2014 is Service Circle 40 years, Neighbors Helping Neighbors. It is also the 10th anniversary of the Road Race, the proceeds of which go to the Service Circle. The photo contest will again be chaired by Ray Lyon of Mexico. Harry Hutchinson will provide horse wagon rides and Robin

Mosher will be chairing the Skillet Toss Contest. There was some discussion of having a hammer throw for the men. Laurie Bailey will again be heading up the Doll Carriage parade while Paula Lee will provide games for the children. Ruth and Dusty Hilton will be responsible for managing the Garden Contest. Once again the Tractor Pull promises to bring a large number of contestants. The Barrel Train is one of the highlights of the parade and the children love having the opportunity for rides after the parade. Jim Coolidge, who has had the responsibility for this event, would like a year off. So the committee is appealing to someone out there who would get the train out of storage and make it ready for the parade and provide for the children to ride after the parade. Volunteers can contact Vickie Meisner or Jim Coolidge. Speaking of volunteers, the current committee has been in place for 25 years because we love this event and want to see it go forward, but as you can imagine some of us are not as young and agile as we used to be. So if you're new to Andover or one of our younger people who love Olde Home Day and want to see it continue to be a part of the fabric of this community come to our next meeting which is Monday, May 12, 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Andover is blessed with

many interesting things and one of them is the Dragonfly Healing Nest Herb Shoppe next to the Akers Ski Shop. Darlene Akers is the Herbalist and has many dried herb products. Darlene also conducts classes. She has many interesting programs scheduled May through September. One of the program is "Diva of the Weeds" Check this out, it's worth it to know just what is growing in your yard and what you can use it for. You can reach her at 207-357-3037 or e-mail dragonflyhealingnest@gmail.com. The herb shop is open Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Last, but not least by any means is the 70th annual Birthday Supper to be held this Saturday, April 26, with two sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. in the CEB dining room. The menu is ham and fixings with homemade rolls and birthday cakes for dessert. Each table is decorated for a month of the year along with the seasons of summer, fall, winter, spring. The price is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 8. I have it on good authority that people from as far away as Massachusetts will be here for the weekend particularly for this event.

### South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Condolences to the families of Vernal F. Andrews and Wm. N. Weston. Thoughts and prayers to each family member.

It was a great day entertaining the residents in Canton yesterday. A great group joined us in the dining area for an hour of music.

Was so pleased to see our friends Maggie Stevens and Joyce Reid of South Paris; they had taken the bus over for the afternoon. It was also good to see Lorraine Mercier; we talked for a few minutes before going back to her room.

Yogi and I attended the CNA graduation at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Wednesday evening. Our granddaughter Allyson was among the 14 who graduated. Congratulations to all the graduates.

The Down East Country Music Association will be holding a Country Music Show and Dance at the Litchfield Sportsman Club on Sunday, April 27 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. \$5 admission at the door, lots

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Get well wishes to those who are not quite feeling up to par yet.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Gordon and Celia Paine, Barry and Melody Hadley.

Birthday wishes to Martha Hadley, Brenda Washell, Dallas Henry, Hope Hoyt, Traci Mason, Muriel Knightly, Scott Roberts, Frank Hodson III, Joshua Mason, Thad Hodson,

Nellie Emery, Rose Hinkley, Marie Coffin and Mary Jane Newell. Wishing y'all a great and happy day.

We recently ran into our friend Kay Mason at Walmart; she looked great as always. We chatted for a few minutes and then went about our day.

Many of our winter snowbirds (family and friends) are returning from Florida and other warmer states - Welcome Home!

Well, that's all from the valley this week. Stay well and enjoy each day.

Hope y'all had a Happy Easter.

## Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Thank you, readers, for your feedback on "Spring Tales," an essay by my dear friend Pat Day, which was featured in this column on April 3. One reader, Judy, wrote in to say, "Thank you for a beautiful reminder of what spring is all about. We spend too much time sputtering about how slow spring comes, yet every day is a new blessing to see how God has blessed Maine with the challenging season and to glorify the name of our Creator." Another reader, Tracey, wrote, "Pat's words in last week's column are wonderful... I found myself smiling and tearing-up as I read." Pat's essay and our readers' feedback recognize the wonders of this



STUDYING THE NEW GEOGRAPHY-When the Bear River overflowed its banks last Wednesday after heavy rains, the students at the Eddy School in Newry took to a nearby flooded field in their canoes.

Deb Webster

season and create an appreciation for the hidden beauty this time of year brings to our special corner of the world.

Water levels are receding after last week's cresting rivers and streams flooded low-lying areas resulting in road closures throughout Hanover and surrounding towns. Spring melt and the heavy rains created cascading rivulets over steep rocky hillsides. Only a small trickle remains of short-lived backyard waterfalls. Birds raid feeders for nourishment and begin their quest for suitable nesting supplies. Canada Geese honk high in the sky and day lilies, tulips and daffodils finally sprout tiny green shoots through brown earth with the final melt of winter snow.

Sugar shacks wind down. For one last time this season, I smelled the heavenly vapors of maple sugar-

ing at Velvet Hollow Sugar Works in Greenwood and savored a sample of warm maple caramel on the lawn of the Bethel Historical Society where Ms. Wilkerson, Director of the Farm and Forest Program at Gould Academy, demonstrated the miracle of turning watery sap into luscious maple delicacies! The joys of spring in Maine!

## Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



Hi everyone. Did anybody else see the Space Station go over Saturday evening a little after 8:30 p.m.? I really enjoy watching the station go over. I tend to forget there are people flying overhead all the time. It must be amazing!

At the April 15 Selectboard meeting, Bruce Pierce, Newry's fire chief,

said that the Mepps Ladder Truck went in for inspection and the company hit the town up for the necessary repairs. But Chief Pierce thought it should be warranty issues. He made his claim and stood firm and the company agreed to consider it warranty work and waive the bill. Hail to the Chief!

The assessor spoke to the board and told them that he is seeing a lot of sheds and renovations being built that do not have building permits. He said it is the town's responsibility to get him the information and not his job to chase various projects down and document them. He claimed that we are leaving a lot of money on the table by not tracking down the offenders. He was reminded that people voted to have a generous amount of \$25,000 as the threshold before a permit is needed for repairs to a property.

The town still needs a resident who would like to be an alternate member of the Planning Board. You will meet twice a month and be an integral part of helping the town assess and evaluate all projects that come before the Board. Sign up and get involved!

Mr. Morton tried to make a point of order and read a statement regarding the fact that his rights had been violated during an executive session at the previous meeting. Mrs. Hanscom, the Chair of the Board, recommended to table the statement until the next meeting so they would have time to talk to the lawyer about the issue. Mr. Morton then informed the Board that that was the second time his rights were violated by not letting him make his statement. Mr. Morton also said he would like to see the Town Administrator and the other secretaries be more up to date

on state statutes and rules of order. Some feisty back and forth ensued. Finally, the matter was tabled until the meeting on April 29. The CEO gave a report on some ditches and culverts in the town that will need addressing. The Board also agreed to adopt a security system for the office. Hopefully it will include electrocution - that will stop them!

Jim Sysko asked the Board if they would seek advice from the town lawyer in order to be better informed for the May 19 meeting at the Grange Hall at 7 p.m. This will be an informational meeting about the school budgeting process. Selectman Hanscom should be able to answer questions pertaining to the school. Also, our School Board Directors represent 2/3 of the finance committee and have knowledge they can share as well. It would be nice if Jarrod Crockett could come to answer any questions about the legislative part of it. I hope people are ready to show up and have some discussion.

The Selectboard continue to clarify and review all of the town positions, trying to make sure they are compatible with state statutes - and also decide if some positions should be elected or appointed.

Welcome back to Rudy and Joanne Royer. Nice to see you again! Until next week...

## Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Ladies Aid Association served breakfast Easter morning. I did not attend so I do not know how well it was attended but I expect that the food was tasty.

The Upton Historical Society has scheduled "Forest Lodge cleanup day" to be Saturday, May 17. The volunteers will meet at the Upton School building at 7 a.m. and convoy from there to Carry Road. Bring rakes, shovels, and/or other appropriate tools.

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chased is on my porch, not assembled. It is an eight burner, two tank setup almost six feet long. Any assembly volunteers?

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, April 25 at the town office. Easter Sunday at 1 p.m. Umbagog Lake was still ice covered. I doubt that the record for latest ice-out will be matched or broken this year, we shall see.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail [backstjoe@gmail.com](mailto:backstjoe@gmail.com) with your news.

### Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



We've had a tough sap season this year. First, it started out too cold for a decent sap run long past the time we usually make all the syrup we want for the year. This year I tapped my trees (about 35 of them) around March 10. We didn't get enough sap to make syrup for nearly two weeks, when I finally got enough to make about two quarts of syrup. More cold weather was predicted for the next week, or so, so I decided to boil down what we had. I soon had it close enough to syrup that I strained what I had from the open pan into an aluminum pot in order to finish it off on the electric stove in the kitchen. There, we strained it again and boiled it down to syrup (about 222 degrees on a candy thermometer, or until it starts rising up the sides of the pot). Then I took the hot syrup jars out of the oven while Mona poured the boiling syrup into the jars and screwed the lids down tight to seal them. As she was screwing the lid on the third pint, the jar broke open, spilling a full pint of hot syrup over the top of the stove, the counter, down the front of the dishwasher and onto the floor, where she got some on her shoe! What a mess.

We had about enough syrup in the pan to half fill another jar.

After that, it stayed too cold for sap to run until April 1, the day before we were to leave for a few days in Florida. When we got home on the afternoon of April 7, I gathered about 85 gallons of sap, because most of the buckets were full to running over! We had a few more decent sap days, and we ended up with a total of 5 gallons of syrup by April 13 when we finished all the syrup we wanted for this year. We give most of it away to family and friends, but that's not the whole story.

On Friday, April 10 we were canning a batch of about 7 quarts of syrup, when near disaster struck. We had a small amount of "near syrup" in a pan boiling down to the magic temperature. Both Mona and I sat down at the table, intending to keep one eye on the boiling syrup, but I got engrossed in reading, while she got occupied in a computer game. Soon, I smelled hot syrup burning! I turned around to see the syrup boiling over the top of the pan onto the hot burner, with smoke and flames billowing out from under the pan! I jumped up and lifted the pan of boiling syrup off the burner while Mona ran around the other side of the counter and turned off the burner. I set the pot of syrup aside and blew out the blazing syrup on the burner, but what a mess! We had black crispy syrup stuck all over the burner, the stainless steel around the burner and in the burner well under the burner. I don't think we'll ever get all the black off - but we've been thinking about getting a new stove!

A couple weeks ago, on a day when we had Noah and Harper for the day, Noah brought a stuffed elephant toy to play with while at our house. We have lots of plants in our sun room next to the dining room. Some of them

are blooming, and one is a large bird of paradise plant nearly 6 feet tall, with several large blooms hanging out. As Noah (now 5 years old) was eating lunch, he was admiring the plants in the sunroom. He said that room looks like a jungle. Then he said, "Elephants live in the jungle, don't they?" We said, "Yes. Some of them do." He said, "Then, I'm going to leave my elephant here when I go home, so he can live in that jungle!"

On Friday evening last week Mona and I learned that Madison Flynn was at her grandmother Elsie's home, just across the brook, so we decided to stop by and visit for a few minutes. We hadn't seen Madison since she finished a long tough fight against cancer. Madison was enjoying playing "Wii" games with her cousins, and I think best friends, Christi, Emily and Sophi Hanscom at "Grammy Elsie's." It was great to see them all having a good time together while Madison was enjoying spring break from school. Madison looks great!

### Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



As April winds to a close, there are still several feet of snow in the yard, but our wood has arrived for next year, so we are covered to make it through anything Mother Nature sends our way. Still, I am hoping for bare earth to begin planting. I have to admit I have not started anything. The snow has slowed me down because I know it will be weeks before I can plant anything in the garden. The greenhouse is still full of other things. I guess I have been lazy too.

Gertrude and Lefty have begun patrolling farther afield. Most days Penelope the Potbelly Pig has joined

them in their rounds. She roots out bugs and they eat them. Hopefully that includes those pesky ticks that survived this winter under the snow and some black flies too. We shall see soon. For now, they are a threesome; not too sure of each other, but still following. It is fun to see. Piggy likes to run up and down the ramp and all around the yard. Never know where she is going, but she seems to like having the freedom to move. The floors in the house slowed her down because she slipped on them. Now she can be free.

Thursday, April 24, Mountain Poets are part of both the Earth week celebration and National Poetry Month and will hold their Too Cold for the Porch Celebration at 7 p.m. at Café Nomad on Main Street in Norway. The café will be open for people to order food. FMI please call 743-9808.

Saturday, April 26, there will be a parade from Withersell Park (beside Norway Savings Bank in Norway) to Alan Day Community Garden. This will be an all human powered parade with costumes and prizes. From 10 to 2 at the garden there will be a work day with a garden blessing at 11:30. And an orientation at 1 to 2 p.m.

At 3 p.m. at Fare Share Market there will be a free showing of the film "Food for Change." Following the film the Co-op will hold their Spring Membership meeting and potluck supper from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend.

Then at 7 p.m., Rijah Newell will bring her Circus Ole and Feast of Fools to town at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Next week on May 1 (formally known as May Day), there will be a presentation of Living Sustainably at Norway Memorial Library entitled "Alternative Housing" with Alex Miller and CEBE's Scott Vlaun. This is free and open to the public. FMI and registration please call 743-5309 ext. 1.

That is all for this week. Enjoy the sun when it shines and have a great week.

### Open Air

By TOM REMINGTON

Early June once meant the annual pilgrimage to Nesowadnehunk Lake in Northern Maine for fishing. It was usually an extended weekend and over a period of a few years a faction of fearless fabulists collected and dusted piscary essentials and hoped that the usual suspects brought along fly tying equipment in order to replenish a depleted book of flies lost in last year's battle of fishing and not catching.

Early on the first morning, I could hear, through the darkness, that distinct thud only produced when loading an aluminum boat. Fishermen were loading gear anxious to head up the lake in hopes of limiting out on native brook trout.

We returned to camp just after dark the first day, scrambled like only half-starved men could, cooked up some food, lit a campfire and settled around it for an outbreak of serious and truthful (always truthful) storytelling. Somewhere in these conversations were recountings of how the big one got away, the choice of fly, the presentation; all that stuff some fishermen really believe matters. It matters only to the telling of a story.

The aged and experienced of the group, and yes, probably the best of the best fabulists in the bunch, noticed that at the adjacent campsite a man was nearly breaking his neck trying to catch some fishing tips that he could use the next day. After all, when we returned to camp that evening every-

one's creel was well laden with trout and the cuisine for that evening was fried trout and lots of it.

The prevaricating seniors comprised two brothers, one of which entered his tent and emerged with a fly-tying kit. The entertainment soon followed. As efforts were underway to create a lure; it was enough bait, along with some encouragement, for the neighbor to work his way into our camp to see what this mystery fly was that all of us had such good luck with fishing.

To eventually become a master at fish tales requires a skill to bring the listener to the edge of what's reality without going over it and always, always leaving the audience wondering how much, if any, was true. Some have that skill, others remain wannabees.

It was out of the kindness of his heart that one of the brothers tied our neighbor at least 4 of these foolproof fish-catching devices and that was all it took for the neighbor to loosen his tongue and begin to tell the most unbelievable fishing stories ever heard. He definitely went over the edge. This prompted the other brother to go to his tent and retrieve a small tape recorder to capture on tape what no man would believe was possible to pass between two lips of a human being. As the old saying goes, it's impossible to out-lie a liar. But when you are dealing with the two most clever fibbers and practical jokers, one should tread, errr... lie lightly.

The flies that got tied and shared with the neighbor were one of a kind, as were the two brothers. To my knowledge no fish were caught with those flies and certainly none of us ever used one, nor did we dare repeat in seriousness the stories told us from the one gullible enough to trust a fellow fisherman.

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# Sports

## Telstar spring sports preview:

### Baseball

#### Seniors:

1. Zack Mills, catcher
2. Logan Bartlett, pitcher, 1st base
3. Nik Conrad, shortstop, pitcher
4. Eric Lowell, pitcher, outfield
5. Tyler Cherkis, 3rd base

#### Junior:

1. Andrew Mills, outfield, pitcher

#### Sophomores:

1. Hunter Williamson, outfield, pitcher
2. Reggie Westleigh, 2nd base, pitcher
3. Jack Connell, catcher, outfield
4. Fabian Corriveau, outfield

#### Freshmen:

1. Josh Eliot, pitcher, 1st base
2. Tanner Wheeler, outfield, pitcher

The return of Logan Bartlett from a shoulder injury a year ago and the addition of Josh Eliot to the pitching staff should make the 2014 addition of the Rebel baseball team an improvement over last year's 1-13 record. - Coach Bob Remington

## May services at West Paris UU Church

Renewal is a quality of the month of May, and the worship services at the Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris touch on this with every worship service offered. Please join us for services, Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcomed to attend. Our services are presented with a combination of guest speakers and Worship Service Committee members.

May 4: "Hymn Sing Along" - The Worship Service Committee will lead this service featuring Unitarian Universalist hymns.

May 11: "Mystical Experiences" - Mystical experiences are an area of human existence that we Unitarian Universalists don't talk about much. Scientists claim to find biological and psychiatric indicators to explain such experiences and yet rational people continue to report experiences of mystery and transcendence. At this service, using Barbara Ehrenreich's new book, "Living with a Wild God," as our guide, we'll explore the phenomenon of mystical experience in relation to Unitarian Universalism. The service is led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson, who regularly leads services at our church.

May 18: "An epidemic of meanness. Is there a cure?" - The service is led by Mary Adams, whose late husband, Herb Adams, was minister of the West Paris UU church in the late 80s and early 90s. During his ministry she sometimes led services during his Sundays out of the pulpit. Mary is a graduate of Boston University and Northeastern University School of Law. Before she went to law school, she worked at two UU churches as religious education director. After practicing law Mary taught Spanish in Maine, then helped Herb when he was minister of West Paris, Norway, and South Paris churches "all at once."

May 25: "Walking Together: Welcoming New Members" - During this service we will welcome new members into our congregation. We'll also look back at our heritage to explore our diversity and what holds us together as Unitarian Universalists. The service is led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson.

For more information about the church and services, please call Marta Clements, 674-2143. You can also visit <http://www.uua.org/> to learn more about Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

# Woodstock Veterans' Honor Roll

After five years of fundraising, collecting and verifying service records of veterans for inclusion on the new granite monuments, the Woodstock Monument Committee is ready to let the engraving begin.

The committee is comprised entirely of members of Judith Grover Tent 17, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865. The DUVCW had long wanted to honor Woodstock's Civil War veterans with a monument. Noting that the current veterans' honor roll in town had no room for any additional engraving of veterans' names, they began gathering names of all those that honorably served their country in the armed services from the incorporation of the town in 1815 to the present.

The eligibility requirements include honorable discharge from the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines (WWII) or National Guard and having lived in the town of Woodstock at any time in their life. Those buried in the town's cemeteries are also eligible. All veterans that served, in peace or war, state-side or overseas, are welcome. There are still forms available at the Woodstock Town Office to fill out and return. There is absolutely no charge to have a name added at this time. There may be a charge after the granite is put in place. Donations are always welcome.

At present, close to 200 names of Civil War veterans and about 100 more recent veterans have been researched and added. If your name (or a relative's name) is on these lists and you wish to have it removed, please let us know. A tentative cut-off date for submission/removal has been set for June 1, 2014.

#### Civil War

Abbott, John; Abbott, Joseph; Abbott, Phillip; Allen, Elliott; Andrews, Hiram; Andrews, Thomas; Annas, John; Arkett, John; Benson, Samuel; Berry, Charles; Berry, George; Berry, Horace; Berry, William; Besse, Al-

phonzo; Besse, Caleb Jr.; Besse, William; Bessay, Charles; Billings, Albert; Billings, Lorenzo; Bixby, Charles; Blanchard, Stillman; Bowker, Anson; Bowker, Charles; Bowker, Galen; Bowker, James; Brackett, Edwin; Briggs, Alfred; Briggs, Joseph; Briggs, Luther; Briggs, Uriah; Brown, Joseph; Bryant, Amos; Bryant, Byron; Bryant, George; Bryant, John; Bryant, Varano; Buck, Charles; Buck, Harrison; Buck, John; Burns, James; Burns, John G.; Burt, Charles; Cannon, Isaac; Carter, Lemuel; Carver, Ariel; Chandler, Alfred; Chase, Amos; Chase, Charles; Chase, Leroy; Chase, Otis; Clemons, James; Coffin, Charles; Cole, Dennis; Cole, Henry; Cotton, Dennett; Cotton, Otis; Cross, John H.; Cummings, Daniel; Cummings, Joseph; Cummings, Leonard; Cummings, Moses; Davis Joseph; Davis, Charles; Davis, John; Dearborn, John; Doughty, Robert; Dudley, Moses; Ellingwood, Oscar; Enearl, Malcolm; Estes, Horace; Estes, Josiah; Estes, Washington; Ethridge, Stephen; Farnham, Charles; Farnham, Luther; Farnham, Sumner; Farrar, Consider; Farrow, Henry; Freeman, Harvey; Frost, Samuel; Fuller, Alpheus; Fuller, Nathaniel; Fuller, William; Golden, John; Grant, James; Green, Albert; Green, Asa; Hammond, Francis; Harding, William; Hayes, Frances; Hayes, Thomas; Hill, Andrew; Houghton, Hannibal; Howe, LaForest; Jackson, Andrew; Jackson, Charles; Jackson, Randall; Jackson, Sylvester; Jacobs, William; Jewell, Levi; Jewell, William; Jordan, Henry; Judkins, Alvin; Kenney, Frederick; Kief, William; Kimball, Eben; Kinsman, Frederick Jr.; Knapp, Nathan; Lapham, Isaac; Lapham, James; Lapham, John; Lapham, William; Leavitt, Oliver; Leavitt, William; Leavitt, Winfield; Libby, James; Littlefield, Harry; Littlefield, James; Littlefield, John; Lovejoy, Alvin; Lunt, Alexander; Lurvey, Richard L.; Marr, Al-

vin; Marr, Dennis; Mason, James; Millett, Oliver; Morse, Stillman; Noyes, John; Ordway, Samuel; Packard, Charles; Packard, Joseph; Parker, William; Pearson, William; Perham, Aurestes; Perham, James; Perkins, Austin; Perkins, Charles; Powers, James; Pratt, James; Preble, John; Proctor, Levi; Proctor, William; Rich, Isaac; Ricker, Dustin; Ricker, George; Ridlon, Ezra Jr.; Robbins, Andrew; Robbins, Samuel; Rowe, Charles; Rowe, Daniel; Rowe, Henry; Russ, James; Russ, James P.; Ryerson, Charles; Ryerson, George; Sawyer, Rufus; Sawyer, Thorndike; Sessions, Sumner; Sheeran, James; Stephens, Lewis H.; Stevens, Danville B.; Stevens, Francis; Swan, Fessenden; Swan, Leander; Swan, Moses; Taylor, Robert; Thomas, Benjamin; Thorne, Samuel; Thorne, Barnet; Thurlow, Cyrus; Welch, Morton; Whitman, Alanson; Whitman, Charles; Whitman, Cyprian; Whitman, Frank; Whitman, George; Whitman, Gilbert; Whitman, Gilman; Whitman, Napoleon; Whitman, Oscar; Whitman, Thomas; Whittemore, Enoch; Wyman, Freeman; York, George; Young, Atwood; Young, Edward; Young, Freeland

#### Spanish American War

Army: Newell Thurlow

#### World War I

Army: William Bean; Herbert Berryment; Warren Brooks; Charles Brown; Carroll Buck; Archie Dunton; Ernest Durrell; Winfield Edminster, Jr.; Robert Farnum; Harold Jackson; Raynor Littlefield; Fred Mason; Roland Millett; Florus Poland; William Richardson; Warren Russell; Ernest Sessions; Lester Swan; Bartholomew Judkins; Wasily Klukach

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#### National Guard: O'Neil Mills

#### World War II

Army/Army Air Corps: John Baylies; Martin Nissen; Erlon Blood; Terrence Moore; Richard Ford; Ralph Brooks; Donald Whitman; George Stowell; George Bachelder; Herbert

Lyons; Alberto Poland; Anthony Stone; Lawrence Tyler; Robert Billings; George Woodsum; Walter W. Bailey; Roland M. Lord

#### Navy/Naval Reserve: Roderick Harthorne; Edley Strickland, Sr.; Clifton Bean; Leroy Newkirk; Miguel Monzo (also served in Korea and Vietnam); Frederick Raymone; Joseph Zemaitis; Grace Archer; Harry Archer; LeRoy Morgan; Mark Porter; Earl Swinton; Milton Mills; George Toothaker

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#### Navy/Naval Reserve: Michael Loomis

#### Air Force: Myron Winslow

#### Coast Guard: Edward Rosenberg; William B. Rice

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#### Marine Corps: Myron Winslow, IV;

#### Navy: Renee Pietila

#### Air Force: Troy Wing

#### Veterans

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#### Marine Corps: Michael S. Verrill; Robert Sweetser; Murrill Blazier

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# Roxbury Pond watershed survey

On Saturday, May 3, volunteers will be conducting the Ellis (Roxbury) Pond watershed survey. The project is being organized by members of the Ellis Pond community, the Silver Lakes Camp Owners Association (SLCOA), the Maine Volunteer Lakes Monitoring Program (VLMP), and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with funding from the Towns of Roxbury, Byron, community members and SLCOA.

A watershed survey is designed to locate sources of soil erosion and polluted runoff that have the potential to damage the lake's water quality. Polluted runoff can stem from any activity that disturbs soil, including roads, driveways and residential properties. The survey will be conducted by volunteers who will be trained and led by several hired technical leaders to evaluate the watershed. The total watershed covers about 25 square miles (see map).

The watershed survey will build upon past efforts to monitor and protect the pond's water quality. For more than two decades, the Town of Roxbury, SLCOA and VLMP have partnered to monitor the health of Ellis Pond (also known as Roxbury Pond or Silver Lake). This partnership has yielded a great deal of useful information about water quality, including the view that the lake may be vulnerable to a "nuisance algae bloom" - an event that is typically characterized by the intense growth of tiny plants in the water. A bloom results in reduced water clarity and sometimes the formation of "scum" on the water surface, composed of decaying plant cells.

This past fall, VLMP-certified lake monitors ob-

served and helped to document a brief, yet intense bloom that was initially detected by a colorful surface scum that persisted for several days in some areas of the pond. An analysis of a water sample in the affected area showed a very high concentration of a blue-green algae (also known as cyanobacteria), which is known to be associated with nuisance blooms in lakes that have high concentrations of the nutrient phosphorus. This event was observed by several additional members of the lake community. Because it did not occur dur-

ing the peak of summer activity, lake users were generally unaware that it had taken place. Algae blooms in lakes are generally linked to moderate to high concentrations of phosphorus in the water. Phosphorus occurs naturally in the soil, in fertilizers, human and animal waste, and other sources. As lake shorelines and watersheds become increasingly developed, storm-water runoff picks up phosphorus from these sources and carries it to the lake. The phosphorus can stimulate algae growth, resulting in

reduced water clarity and, over time, lower oxygen levels in the water, particularly during late summer.

The bloom that occurred in October was the first known event of its kind in the pond. It is hard to predict if there will continue to be blooms or if there were outstanding circumstances last year that led to the bloom. Regardless, the organizing committee hopes to prevent additional blooms from occurring. Not only do algae blooms cause damage to the local ecosystem, but reduced water quality is

also associated with decreased property values. The survey is an initial step to preventing future algae blooms and protecting the quality of water in Roxbury Pond. After the survey is completed, the group hopes to work cooperatively with landowners and seek grants to fix identified problems and keep Ellis Pond clean and clear. In no way will the survey be used for enforcement purposes.

Please contact Jerry Cohen, 418-0427 or [jjcohen@roadrunner.com](mailto:jjcohen@roadrunner.com), if you would like to volunteer or donate to the Ellis (Rox-

bury) Pond Steering Committee's watershed survey. Landowners within the watershed boundary will be contacted by mail. If your land is within the boundary and you would prefer to not be included in the survey, please contact the Survey Project Coordinator, Laura Crossley at [laura.crossley@maine.gov](mailto:laura.crossley@maine.gov).

For more information about watershed survey's please review the "Citizen's Guide to Volunteer Lake Watershed Surveys" at <http://www.maine.gov/dep/land/watershed/materials/lakewatersurveyguide.pdf>.



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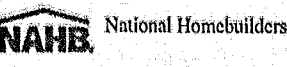
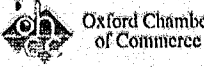
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**District Exchange;** Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours – No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Bethel Area Food Pantry;** serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

**Jackson-Silver Post 68 Hillside of Flags Sale;** Flags can be purchased for \$5 each in "honor of" or "remembrance of" a veteran. The flags will be displayed at the corner of Main Street and Gore Road in Greenwood from May 22 through May 31, 2014. To purchase a flag, send a check to Jackson-Silver Post, PO Box 178, Greenwood, Maine 04255; call 890-6187 or stop into the Post kitchen any Friday afternoon.

## April 24 through 17

**Alpha & Omega Indoor/Outdoor Yardsale;** 527 Park Street, South Paris. Furniture, TVs, appliances, books, videos and more. FMI: Bert Rugg (515-3000) or Janice Davis (744-0204).

## Thursday, April 24

**South Paris Spring Job Fair;** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School cafeteria.

**Rumford Library Poetry Program;** 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Library's Public Room. All poetry fans, would-be poets and poets are invited. Refreshments will be served. FMI: 364-3661.

**Mountain Poets Society Reading;** 6 p.m., Café Nomad, Norway.

## April 25, 26 and 27

**Wilderness First Responder Refresher/Open Recert Course;** Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

## April 25 and 26

**Wilderness First Aid Course;** Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

## April 26 and 27

**Shooting Sports Instructor Training;** UMaine 4H Camp and Learning Center. Cost: \$65 (includes meals and lodging). Training begins at 6 p.m. Friday and concludes at 1 p.m. Sunday. Commuters welcome. Offering archery, rifle, shotgun, hunting/wildlife training. FMI/Registration: 207-665-2068.

## Saturday, April 26

**Dinner in memory of and to benefit the family of Xavier Fuentes;** 4 to 7 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church. Fuentes, 16, died last month in a hit-and-run accident in South Paris. The fundraiser will be a spaghetti dinner with bread and dessert. Price of admission is \$5 per person, age 4 or under free.

**Indoor Yard Sale;** 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wilkins House, Waterford. Furniture, games, crafts and household items. Proceeds to benefit Wilkins House and the church.

**Boating Safety Course;** 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Telstar High School Room 133. \$9 per person. FMI: fowlesd@sad44.org. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch.

**Norway Earth Day Parade;** 9:30 a.m., Witherell Park (beside Norway Savings Bank. Costume prizes, music and more. The parade will end at the Alan Day Community Garden where there will be a work party with a garden blessing at 11:30 and an orientation from 1 to 2.

**Pet Adoption & Fun Day;** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 179 Main Street #6, South Paris.

**70th Annual Birthday Supper;** 5 and 6 p.m., Andover Congregational Church. Tables decorated for each month and season of the year. Ham dinner with all the fixings, including your choice of birthday cake. \$8/adults, \$4/under 8.

**3rd Annual Circus Ole and Feast of Fools;** 7 to 9 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. This animal-free extravaganza showcases amazing performers while raising awareness about the mistreatment of circus animals. All "live" animals are giant theatrical puppets created by Trash Into Art. Tickets are available in advance for \$10 for adults \$5 for children 12 and under at [www.circus-ole.com](http://www.circus-ole.com). Tickets will be on sale at the Maine Bookhouse on Main Street in Oxford and at the door. FMI: [www.circus-ole.com](http://www.circus-ole.com), or contact Ringmaster Rijah Newell at [rjahnewell@gmail.com](mailto:rjahnewell@gmail.com) or 207-890-0545.

## Sunday, April 27

**RESCHEDULED Finnish American Heritage Society Meeting;** Finnish American Heritage Center, 1 p.m. membership potluck followed by the annual meeting and election of officers.

**"The Two May Days" Service;** 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Service will be led by the Rev. Fayre Stephenson. Refreshments to follow.

## Monday, April 28

**Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over;** 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

## Wednesday, April 30

**Community Supper (No Charge);** 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

**MLT Changing Nature Presentation;** 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy, Church Street, Bethel. Dr. George Jacobson, Maine State Climatologist, will present "Climate Variability and Maine Ecosystems- Past and Future." This event is free and open to the public. FMI: 824-3806.

## Thursday, May 1

**"Living Sustainably" Presentation;** 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Alternative Housing" with Alex Miller and CEBE's Scott Vlaun. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

## Friday, May 2

**First Friday Reception;** 5 to 7 p.m., CEBE Gallery, 447 Main Street, Norway, featuring the works of Bernard Langlais.

**Hunts Corner Cemetery Association Annual Meeting;** 6 p.m. at the home of Edna York. FMI: 824-3408.

## Saturday, May 3

**Infant CPR Course;** 8:30 to 10 a.m., Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building (193 Main Street, Norway). \$10 per person, pre-registration required. FMI/registration: 743-1562 ext. 6951.

**Bethel Green-up Day;** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Keep Bethel beautiful! Meet at Davis Park, grab a trash bag, and help clean up the surrounding area. Please wear sturdy shoes. Work gloves recommended. Refreshments provided. RSVP requested to Jessie Perkins, especially if you have a pick-up truck! (207) 356-1883 or [info@bethelmaine.com](mailto:info@bethelmaine.com).

**SMILE Fund Yard Sale;** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Please donate tools, household items, toys and books the week prior to the sale. Proceeds to benefit dental care, dentures for adults in the SAD 44 region. FMI: Jane Chandler (357-3524).

**Vendor/Craft Fair;** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dixfield Opera House, 11 Main Street, Dixfield. FMI: Melanie (357-6419).

**"Under His Wings" Ladies Spring Luncheon;** 12:30 p.m., Pleasant Valley Bible Church, 407 Flat Road, West Bethel. Reservations encouraged. FMI: 836-3006.

**Old Fashioned Barn Dance;** Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge. Potluck supper: 5:30 p.m. Concert: 7 p.m. Dance: 8 p.m. Music by the Buttermilk Hill Band and John and Ellen Gawler. 50/50 raffle. \$12 admission, children under 16 half price. FMI: 824-2073.

**Franklin Grange 124 Mock Hee-Haw Show;** 7 p.m., Grange Hall, Main Street, Bryant Pond. A fun-filled evening of music including all-time favorites John Sparrow, Milltown Road Show, Hemingway Bluegrass Band, Becky Law, Herman Leblanc (The Black Mountain Hobo) and Billy Kimball, Richard Felt and more. Refreshments available, featuring home-cooked goodies and down-to-earth prices. Door prizes. 50/50 Raffle. Admission: \$6/adults, \$3/under 12. Proceeds to benefit Franklin Grange building fund.

## Sunday, May 4

**Mahoosuc Community Band Concert;** 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Donations accepted. Refreshments available following the concert. FMI: Brian Dunham (665-2967).

## Monday, May 5

**Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over;** 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

## Tuesday, May 6

**TMS PTA Financial Aid Workshop;** 6 p.m., Telstar auditorium. Kathy Ruby, a college financial aid professional, will talk to parents about support systems and financial resources available for post-secondary education.

## May 7 and 17

**Bow Hunter Safety;** Wednesday (May 7) 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday (May 17) 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telstar High School Library: \$10 per person. FMI: [fowlesd@sad44.org](mailto:fowlesd@sad44.org).

## Wednesday, May 7

**NHS Blood Drive;** 12 to 5 p.m., Telstar gymnasium. FMI/appointments: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or 1-800-733-2767 (1-800-RED-CROSS). Walk-ins welcome.

**Telstar Middle/High School Art Show;** 5 to 8 p.m., Telstar cafeteria, auditorium and red tile area.

**Basics of Buying or Selling a Business;** 6 to 9 p.m., Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street. Presented by Brian Hanson, President of Maine Business Brokers of Portland. \$25. FMI/Registration: 743-0499 or [Stephen.veazey@scorevolunteer.org](mailto:Stephen.veazey@scorevolunteer.org).

**Breastfeeding Class;** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building (193 Main Street, Norway). \$10 per couple, pre-registration required. FMI/registration: 743-1652 ext. 6951.

## Thursday, May 8

**Whitman Memorial Library Program;** 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library. Hugh "Cubby" Swan will be showing and talking about his homemade wooden toys. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

## Saturday, May 10

**CPS Mayfair;** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fundraising raffle, food and fun activities. FMI/donations: Callie Pecunies (824-0335 or [callie.pecunies@gmail.com](mailto:callie.pecunies@gmail.com)).

**2nd Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet;** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dixfield American Legion. 8X10-Lot \$25, Inside tables \$15. FMI: E. Ellis (357-6437) or C. Green (645-9640).

## Monday, May 12

**Ellis River Riders Monthly Membership Meeting;** 7 p.m., Andover Congregational Church.

## Tuesday, May 13

**Telstar Middle/High School Spring Concert;** 7 p.m., Telstar auditorium. Performances from the high school chorus and band under the direction of Jennifer Bennett and the middle school chorus and band under the direction of Tom Coolidge.

## Wednesday, May 14

**Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting;** 11 a.m., Rooster's Roadhouse, Bethel. Menu: Yankee pot roast or baked stuffed haddock. \$13 per person. RSVP by May 1: Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

## Thursday, May 15

**"Living Sustainably" Presentation;** 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Preserving Vegetables" with Diane L. Ward. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

## Saturday, May 17

**Ellis River Riders Versatility Trail Challenge;** 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. There are bleachers next to the arena for spectators to watch the horse and rider teams go through the obstacles.

**Boxberry School Silent Auction;** 6 to 9 p.m., Fernwood Cove, Harrison. Live music with Milltown Roadshow, gourmet appetizers by Chef Erik Person and desserts by Anna Sysko. Tickets available at Books N' Things and Café Nomad. \$20/advance, \$25 at the door.

## Sunday, May 18

**Ellis River Riders Versatility Clinic;** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. This clinic will allow horses and riders to practice the obstacles from the versatility challenge. Spectators are welcome. Donations are encouraged.

## Monday, May 19

**Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over;** 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

## Thursday, May 29

**"Living Sustainably" Presentation;** 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Importance of Bees" with Oxford Hills Bee Keepers Association. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

## Saturday, May 31

**Pay it Forward 5k;** 9 a.m. (race-day registration 8 a.m.), Oxford Hills Middle School South Campus, 18 Madison Avenue, Oxford (adjacent to Ocean State Job Lots). Preregistration: [running4free.com](http://running4free.com). A short awards ceremony will follow the race.

## Sunday, June 1

**Ellis River Riders Showmanship Clinic;** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. This clinic will offer the opportunity to see an Open Show from the judge's view.

## Saturday, June 14

**Ellis River Riders Western Dressage Clinic;** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. Spectators are welcome to come and watch riders learn about a new type of show in the equestrian world.

## Saturday, June 21

**Ellis River Riders Game Show;** 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. Watch the fun and enjoy a meal from the food booth.

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# The Satellite

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## CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY



Children in Mrs. Bullen's Fifth Grade and Mrs. Merrill's First Grade are working as Math Buddies to help all the students in both classes meet their SLO (Student Learning Objectives).

Pictured here are students working on telling time to the hour, half hour, quarter hour and minute depending on which skill they needed work with!



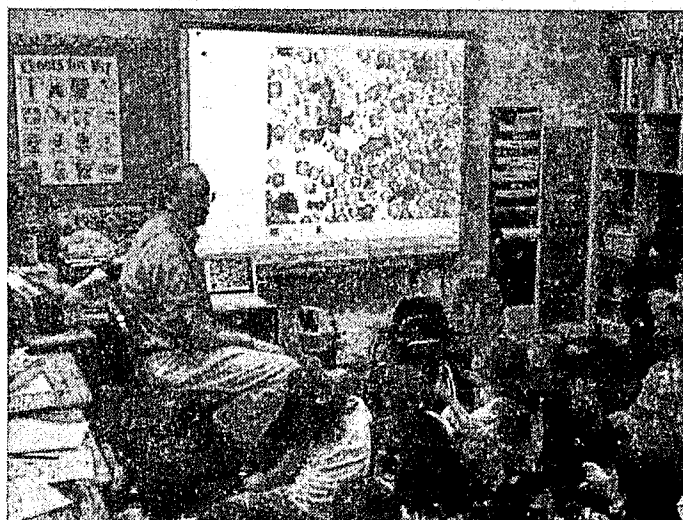
All second graders at CPS enjoyed a morning with Mr. and Mrs. Burk at their home in Sunday River, seeing first hand how maple syrup is made. Mrs. Cross was also there showing the students how trees are tapped and Mr. Lee helped with the refreshments. They all enjoyed a snack of ice cream and maple syrup. Many parents were there as well.



MKA elementary schools in SAD 44 were privileged to have guests come to their individual classrooms with actual moon rocks collected on the Apollo 16 and Apollo 17 missions. Reggie LeBoeuf, assistant director at the 4-H Camp in Bryant Pond, and an employee of the MKA afterschool daycare, made the connection with NASA to make this "out of the world" science class possible. Pictured here are third graders from Crescent Park School getting to look at the moon rocks while listening to MKA personnel, Reggie LeBoeuf and Sonia Albin, talk to them about NASA and the Apollo missions.



The second graders in Mrs. Wight's class have been working hard on reading and understanding informational text. This group, (David Tripp, Adri Hamilton, and Mae Hoff), read about kangaroos and recorded facts they found interesting.



Gary Inman was happy to share several things on the dissecting microscope on the smart board to the First Graders at CPS. It was a great follow up and demonstration to their unit about magnification.



Mrs. Lee's class won the Boxtops contest at CPS. We had a pizza party and game afternoon to celebrate our win. We collected 1,750 Boxtops which supports the CPS activity fund. Rebekah Howe and her daughter Quinn joined us for the fun. They cut out and collected most of the Boxtops.

## ANDOVER ELEMENTARY



AES band members Macey Dixon, Dylan Duclos, Dillon Smith and Maleke Fluellen practice for their upcoming concert.

## TELSTAR NEWS



The TMS community was proud to recognize Lilo Bean, Aneah Bartlett and Gaelan Boyle-Wight as the March Super Stars.



63 students and staff members enjoyed a wonderful (and chilly) Sea Dogs game at Hadlock Field as the culminating reward for completing the Slugger Challenge (reading 5 books between Nov. and March) sponsored by the Maine University system.

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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## RIDDLE SEARCH – AIRPORTS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What is the first thing an elephant does at the airport?

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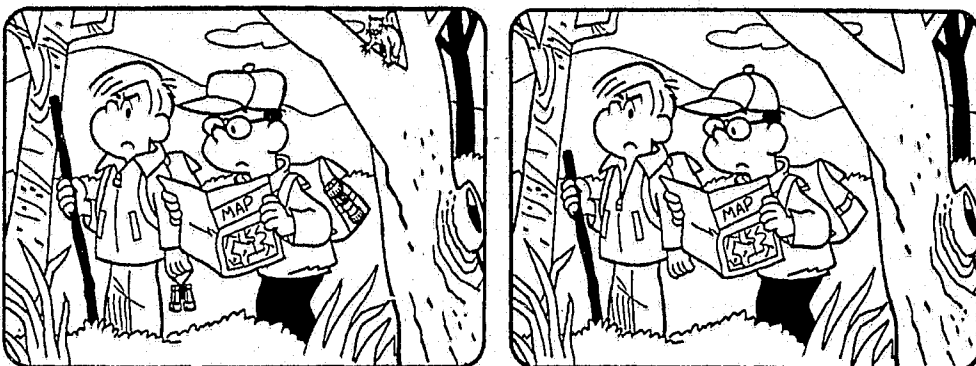
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:  
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4. Cap is different. 5. Flashlight is missing. 6. Squirrel is missing.

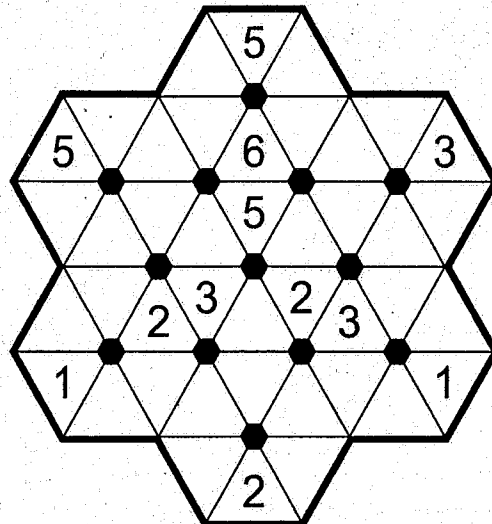
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## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

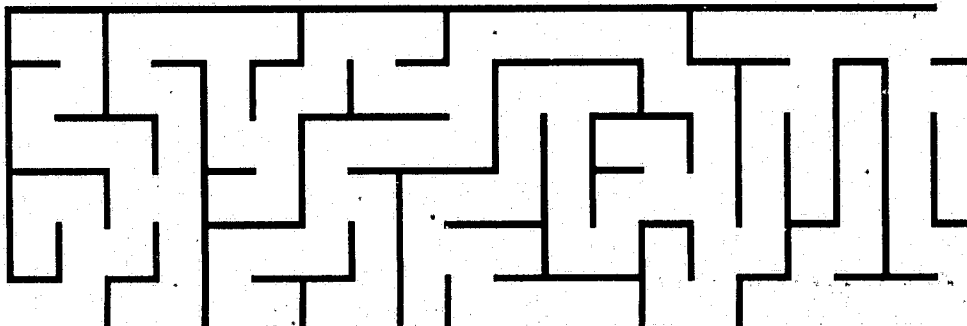


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## Kids' Maze

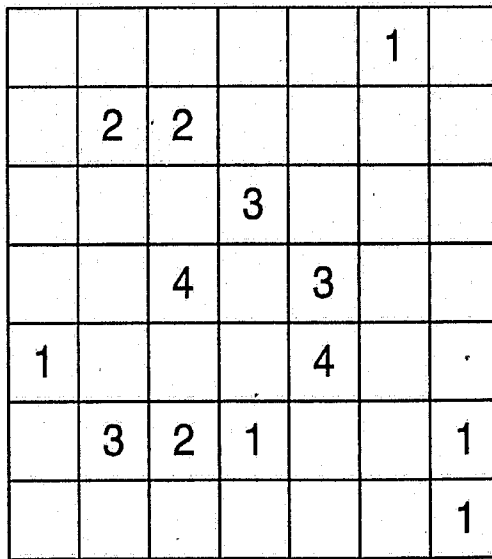


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## Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

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## Super Crossword

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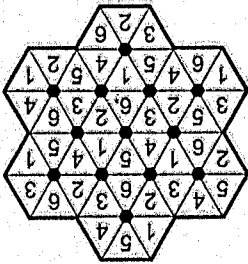
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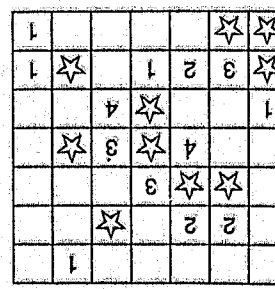
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Alpha & Omega Ministries Inc./Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop has now operated for a full year at their new location 527 Park Street, South Paris (just 3 miles out of South Paris Square going North on Route 26, on the right 2 miles from Doe's). We are having our ever popular Indoor/ Outdoor Yard Sale scheduled for Thursday April 24 through Sunday April 27, weather permitting. At the same time we are promoting a "Bless the Community Sale" where we are slashing prices on everything on the property. We just want to say thank

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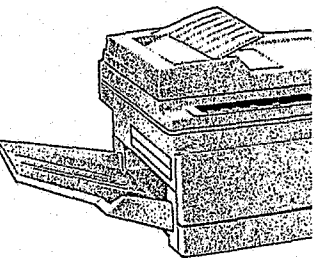
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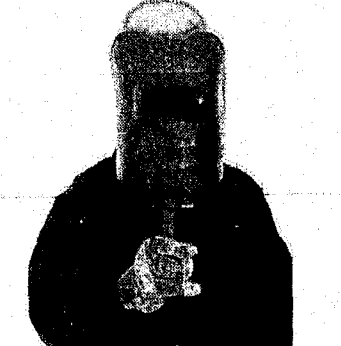
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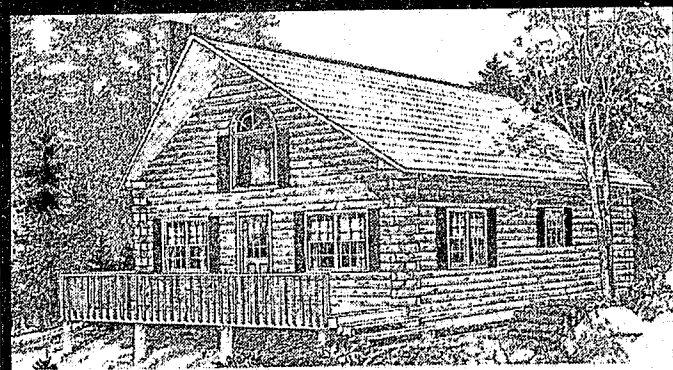
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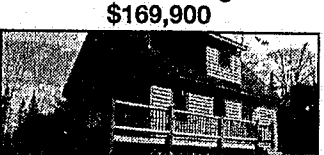
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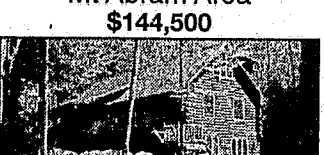
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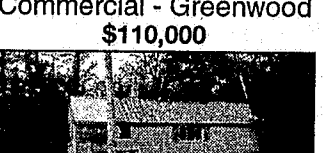
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This position is responsible for assisting the three Board of Selectmen with daily duties at the Andover Town Office, carrying out assigned tasks, managing numerous and diverse tasks with confidentiality, and serves as the primary office contact person on behalf of the Board.

**Requirements, Education & Training:** High School Diploma or equivalent, business office experience preferred with knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, good letter writing skills, and ability to work with the public.

**Application:** Send resume and letter of interest stating why you are interested in the job, experience related to the position and references to the Town of Andover, PO Box 219, 17 Stillman Road, Andover, ME 04216. The complete job description is available by contacting the office at 392-3302.

Applications must be received by: April 30, 2014, 1:00 p.m.  
The Town of Andover is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of Bethel announces that Nomination Papers were made available at the Town Office on Monday March 17, 2014 for the following elected positions:

**Two Selectmen - Three year term**  
**Two Assessors - Three year term**  
**Two School Board Directors - Three year term**

Nomination papers need to be returned to the Town office no later than 5:00 PM on April 28, 2014

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Obituaries



**STEPHEN A. CARTER**  
Stephen A. Carter, 63, died Friday April 18, 2014 at his residence on the Andover Road in Rumford Center. Born in Rumford on July 14, 1950, he was a son of Richard and Fern Lyndell (Cotton) Carter. He was a

graduate of Telstar High School and spent much of his life as a self-employed logger in the area. Stephen was a life time member of the American Quarter Horse Association. He was an avid reader and thoroughly enjoyed cooking and trying new foods. He also loved being "Pops" to his four grandchildren, teaching them to drive the tractor and playing with them in the pool. Survivors include his companion Donna Cambra of Rumford; two daughters, Milissa New and her husband Derek of Limerick and Caryn Cambra-Burgess and her husband Christopher of Waterboro;

two brothers, Thomas of Bethel and Timothy and his wife Jo-Ellen of Bethel; a sister in law Ann Carter of Oxford; four grandchildren; Syeira, Logan, Ella and Leia New and many nieces and nephews that he truly loved and was very proud of. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother David. Friends and relatives are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at [www.meadersandson.com](http://www.meadersandson.com). Funeral services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford.



**NORTH ROAD DAMAGED**-Last week's heavy rain caused the edge of the North Road in Gilead (west of the bridge over the Androscoggin) to slide down toward the Androscoggin River. The road has been closed to through traffic while Gilead town officials gather estimates for repairs. *L. Chapman*

Celladore

'Was It All Worth It?'

I have always been an opera buff and am not one whit chagrined when professional musicians tell me that those with no training or understanding of music prefer opera to Bach. When we were young children before the days of mass media, we had a box phonograph, wound up with a hand-turned crank. Such magic of sounds came forth! The only record that we did not like was a lecture by Peary about his trip to the North Pole. When cage-in days led us to more hilarity than the elders could stand, we all had to sit down and listen to both sides of this record. Our favorites were the Caruso selections. One in particular was a duet with Scotti. We felt great concern for Caruso's last illness, watched from the north windows in the Caswell house for the mailman to appear at the top of Shaw Hill, raced outside to take the mail before he could put it in the box, raced inside to read the paper. There was happiness when he was still alive, sadness when he died. At twenty I spent a winter with the Montclair cousins. They took me to the old Metropolitan, the days of Rosa Ponselle, Bori. It did not sound quite like the records of Emma Eames, Calve, the DeResake brothers, but glorious singing. I was at Lido Beach during World War II years and again went to the opera, a few hours respite from a weary, war-torn world but the voices sounded thinner. Was it the aging process removing some of the glamour from living? Now at Celladore I have gone back to the thrills of youth listening to the Saturday afternoon broadcasts.

Bright days I snowshoed in the morning, mended or knit by the west dining room window in the afternoon as I listened. One season I adapted one of my mother's damask white tablecloths to fit our narrow table. I cut off the extra width that dragged on the floor, with a lace strip between joined it to the main cloth, making it long enough to use when all seven extra leaves were in the table. I tried to match the original tiny even stitches. From the scraps I made cocktail napkins for the nieces, wondering if they would want them by the time they were old enough to use them. On dull days, or if an opera was on that I did not especially like, I carried the radio around the house and cleaned. Best of all were the snowstormy, gray days when I sat and listened and let the flood of music pour over and revitalize my spirit. It was a dream world afternoon, drifting in a sea of sounds. Darkness came down but no lamps were lit. I moved to the kitchen rocking chair; the only light was the soft glow of red coals from the grate in the black stove. In this indescribable stillness, soft, pressureless atmosphere, I am on the Broken on Walpurgisnacht; in the tomb with Aida singing farewell to earth; dying with Mimi in a cold Paris garret. The spell ends. Friends now dare telephone if any messages, B.B. comes in from outside. I get dinner and we have coffee in the Meissen cups. For many, Thanksgiving is the peak day in November. For us the thirtieth gives cause for rejoicing. This month belongs to the hunters. Our local people who know that we live here in the woods, that we keep horses, are careful. The strangers from the city are the ones that we fear.

They come, wadded into layers of scarlet or orange wool, wearing shiny hats, carrying their guns as though they were made of eggshells. One day when B.B. was splitting wood by our driveway and I was hanging out clothes to dry, a shot went whistling by. The horses in the birch field ran madly in circles. Two hunters stood by the gate at the pasture edge of the woods. I raced to the woodpile, was thankful that B.B. was alive, was stunned and shocked that anyone could be so careless of man and beast. I sputtered away to the silent B.B. who sat motionless, back in another world where whistling shellfire is a commonplace. By the time we recovered our equanimity the two hunters had disappeared into the woods. We should have gone after them. We dare to ride only on Sundays. Finally comes the last day of the month. I go out at four o'clock as darkness starts to creep in and take up the horses. After the stall doors are closed I give them an extra ration of grain, a celebration of safety. Into the house and throw myself down and sit and think until it is pitch dark, the only sound the ticking of the clock. Tomorrow is a new month. Once again we can walk in the woods or down the road with no caution or fear, no blowing on whistles, no shouting out "I am here, please don't shoot me." We can put the horses to pasture and forget them. I remember Socrates' dictum about the unexamined life; make a mental list of trivia to be dispensed with, of things to do that are beyond the urgent inessentials. Then up to cook a celebration supper. It may not be a menu that Sam Johnson would think good, not good enough for company; but it is our real heartfelt Thanksgiving meal.

BANC highlights the Hope Organization

The Bethel Area Non-profit Collaborative (BANC) is a group of non-profits with a wide variety of missions in the Bethel region. Its mission is to support Bethel area nonprofits' efforts to improve the quality of place of the Bethel area through educational, cultural, environmental, recreational, economic development, and health and wellness initiatives. Amy Scott, BANC's Network Facilitator, explains that periodically the collaborative sponsors an event to foster an understanding of, and support for, the initiatives of its member organizations, and that the next collaborative event is being planned for the end of May. One proud BANC member is the Hope Association in Rumford, which Scott describes as "an organization that fully believes in and benefits from all kinds of collaboration. They are

very focused on their mission and place a high value on working with community partners in order to achieve that mission. Hope brings a can-do attitude to BANC that has had a positive influence on other groups." Hope's Executive Director Catherine Johnson says the group, highly respected in the community, has a long history of providing a wide range of services for people with developmental disabilities. She explains that the association sponsors a variety of public events in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Eagles Club, Envision Rumford, both the Bethel and Rumford Chambers of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and other service providers. These events include fashion shows, dances, Special Olympics events, snowmobile ride-ins, crafts fairs, Children's Advocacy Day,

the Lumberjack Festival, Oktoberfest for Literacy and the Christmas in the Valley Parade. The organization delivers Meals on Wheels to individuals in 8 area towns and operates the Briar Patch Greenhouse and the What Not Second Hand Store. Johnson praises BANC and its facilitator, Amy Scott. The collaborative, she says, "provides a wonderful venue for organizations to get together to share their needs and what they can offer each other. Amy is a talented facilitator who has offered Board leadership trainings and will develop an agenda to meet any agency's needs for training, development, values strengthening and strategic planning." Johnson encourages people to get more information from the Hope Association website ([hopeassociation.org](http://hopeassociation.org)) or to contact her at [cj@hopeassociation.org](mailto:cj@hopeassociation.org) or 207-364-4561.

Climate variability and Maine ecosystems

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is delighted to welcome Dr. George Jacobson, Maine State Climatologist, to the 2014 Changing Nature Series. Dr. Jacobson is a Professor Emeritus of Biology, Ecology and Climate Change at the University of Maine, and former director of the Climate Change Institute. His presentation is entitled "Climate Variability and Maine Ecosystems - Past and Future." He will offer an overview of long-term climate variability and its effects on Maine's land and forests, as well as a perspective on what is happening today, projecting into the next few centuries. This program will take place at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium

on Church Street in Bethel, beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30. All community members are welcome. This program is generously sponsored by ReVision Energy. For more information on the full speaker series please call the Mahoosuc Land Trust office at 824-3806. The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information, visit [www.mahoosuc.org](http://www.mahoosuc.org) or call 207-824-3806.

From the American Association of Climatologist website: "The Maine State Climatologist is Dr. George L. Jacobson, Professor Emeritus of Biology, Ecology and Climate Change at the University of Maine. He has been part of what is now the Climate Change Institute since 1979, and served as its Director for nearly a decade. His research has focused on biological aspects of long-term changes in climate, ecosystems, and landscapes for the period since the last ice age. During his career he has been involved in numerous national and international initiatives to pursue research and promote collaboration among climate scientists."

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